

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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Holy Eucharist in the Celtic Tradition

This liturgy is adapted from "A Celtic Liturgy for Every Season" by Elizabeth Grover.



The people's response is in bold.

OPENING WORDS

The God of love is with us.

The Spirit of love is in us.

Blessed are you in the heights and the depths, O God.

Let the eternal waters praise you. Let the seas and the rivers sing your glory.

THE LIGHTING OF THE THREE LIGHTS

We will light a light in the name of the Maker

God who moved over the face of the waters.

We will light a light in the name of the Christ

Jesus who was baptized in the water of the Jordan.

We will light a light in the name of the Spirit

The Holy One who cleanses and refreshes us as the cool spring water.

Almighty and eternal God, to you our hearts are open and our inmost desires known. We cannot hide our most intimate secrets from you. Be present at all times in our thoughts and hearts and purify, so that we may love you with the love of the Spirit and praise your name with humility and joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A HYMN OF PRAISE

Let us praise the God of all things.

How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of your hands!

The heavens declare your glory.

In your love you have given Us power,

Power to behold the beauty of your world in all its splendor.

The sun and the stars, the valleys and the hills,

The rivers and lakes all reveal your presence.

The roaring breakers of the sea tell of your awesome might.

The gentle babble of a brook celebrates the comfort of your love

The waters of baptism mark our covenant with you.

Glory to our life-giving God! May we give thanks for all his works, praise him in all we do, and share his love with the communion of saints.

A PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

WHAT MANNER OF MAN

By Lucille Clifton

if i am not singing to myself
to whom then? each sound, each word
is a way of wondering that first
brushed against me in the hills
when i was an unshorn shepherd boy.
each star that watched my watching then
was a mouth that would not speak.

what is a man? what am i?

even when i am dancing now i am dancing
myself onto the tongue of heaven
hoping to move into some sure
answer from the Lord.
how can this david love himself,
be loved (i am singing and spinning now)
if he stands in the tents of history

SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers~ all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SONG

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. The
Word of the Lord lasts for ev - er. What is the Word that is liv - ing? It is
brought to us - through his Son Je - sus Christ.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 23:33-43

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

There will be a pause for silent reflection immediately following the homily.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Celebrant Let us stand and, like the saints before us, reaffirm our baptismal covenant.
Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people. and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God, hear our prayers on behalf of all those in need. In your great mercy, comfort them and bring them hope. For you alone know our needs, and you alone can be our refuge in the time of trouble. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

God makes peace within us.

Let us claim it.

God makes peace between us.

Let us share it.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

We encourage you to give your offering electronically today through our CoR App.

(Search Redeemer Cincy in your app store.) Or you may choose to give online via our secure online system located here: <https://redeemercincy.tpsdb.com/Give/offering> There are also two collection spots in the narthex (look for the Give Here signs) where you may deposit your offering safely.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God, by whose Word the heavens were formed and the earth was brought forth from the waters. The reflection of your glory shines in each created thing. And though earth's flowering fades, you plant within us imperishable seeds for our salvation and call life out of death into the light that endures forever. And so with heaven and earth's host of light, with the sainted women and men of every nation, and with those who now live in the Spirit, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Celebrant and People

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav'n and earth are filled with your glo - ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est

Blessed are you, O God, for the great day of salvation prepared from the beginning of the world, when Christ, though rejected on earth, will be seen by all to be chosen and precious in your sight. We thank you for Jesus who carried sin's destructive powers to the cross that all people might be set free. Through Christ Jesus you inspire in us the hope that earth's forces of darkness will be scattered, and angels of glory and principalities of light will bring a new heaven and a new earth.

On the night when he was betrayed took bread, and having blessed it, He broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took wine, and having given thanks for it, he gave the cup to his disciples, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Remembering his eternal self-giving, we proclaim the mystery of Christ among us. Made one with him and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy living sacrifice

Sanctify us with your Holy Spirit, O God, and sanctify this bread and this wine to be the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, that through them we may be made strong again with the strength that only you supply. May our inner selves be nourished that in the outward things of life we may follow the way of Love and grow more and more into salvation; through Christ, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, world without end. **AMEN**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Bread of heaven is broken for the life of the world.

The Cup of love is shared with all who seek God. Amen.

THE SHARING OF A HOLY MEAL

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us stand and join in thanking God for this holy meal

**O God, we thank you for the gift of this bread and wine
that have served here as earthly reminders of your heavenly love.
We pray now that as the waters of the earth purify your creation,
you will cleanse us with your Holy Spirit
as gentle and pure as the cool spring water,
that, renewed by this holy meal,
we may go forth into the world to serve your people:
in the name of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen.**

Lord of all light, as we go forth into the world, we extinguish the lights that here represent the presence of the Holy in our midst.

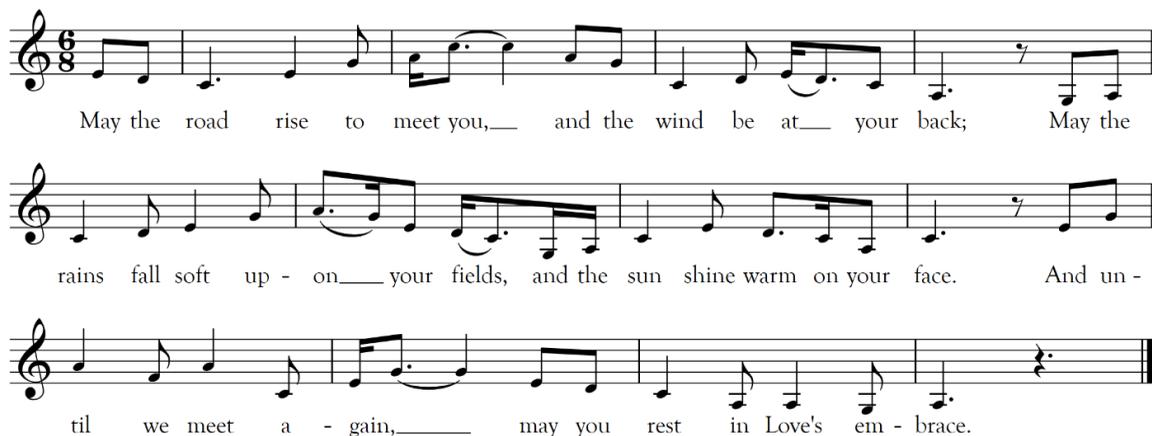
But we will carry the light in our hearts and we pray that as we go about our work in the work, we will shine with the love of God. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Let us now go forth with the grace of God,
the gentleness of Jesus,
the comfort of the Holy Spirit,
the courage of the saints,
and the songs of angels in our hearts
And may the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

CELTIC BENECTION



May the road rise to meet you, and the wind be at your back; May the
rains fall soft upon your fields, and the sun shine warm on your face. And un -
til we meet again, may you rest in Love's embrace.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Melanie Slane
Lector Nancy Hodges
Lay Reader Missy Darling
Intercessor Pam Popp
Celtic Guild..... Pam Popp
Bread Guild..... Guy Byars
Altar Guild Kelli Wisecup, Missy Darling, Pattie Kovach, Brian Weinewuth
Flower GuildMelanie Schottelkotte, Sue Wilkening, Kathe Kissel, Laurie Maguire



VISION STATEMENT

We have a vision of a worshipping community
that **knows Jesus and grows in love:**

- **United** in relationships of holy connection and communion;
- **Growing** with people of every age, race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic situation, and political persuasion;
- **Inspired** by our understanding of why we are Christian, why we are Episcopalian, why Redeemer matters to us;
- **Sent** into the world, rooted and grounded in love, to serve all people with humility, compassion, and faithfulness.

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