

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 28, 2023 | 5:00 PM | THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Holy Eucharist in the Celtic Tradition



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

PRELUDE

*Skye Boat Song
Road to Lisdoonvarna*

The people’s response is in bold.

OPENING WORDS

The God of love is with us.

The Spirit of love is in us.

Blessed is the Holy Spirit, the breath of God.

Let the winds and all creation praise you.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

We will light a light in the name of our Creator -

God who breathes life into all creation,

We will light a light in the name of our Redeemer -

Jesus who teaches us of the love that flows in all.

We will light a light in the name of our Inspiration -

The Holy Spirit who enlightens our thinking, strengthens our will, and renews us.

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. 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 them with your Holy Spirit, 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

God breathes life into creation. Let us praise the God of all breath, of all creation!

O God, our strength

We praise you for your power.

O God, our Shield.

We praise you for your protection

O God, our Comfort

We praise you for your solace.

O God, our Inspiration

We praise you for your renewal

O God, our Life,

We praise you for your grace.

O God of all,

We praise you for your love.

Glory to the God of all! Glory forever! Amen.

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs~ in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: `In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the

earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Alone

By Maya Angelou

Lying, thinking
Last night
How to find my soul a home
Where water is not thirsty
And bread loaf is not stone
I came up with one thing
And I don't believe I'm wrong
That nobody,
But nobody
Can make it out here alone.

GOSPEL SONG

Celtic Alleluia

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

JOHN 7:37-39

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant We now pray for the needs of all people throughout the world, remembering that we are God's people and the hand of love on earth. Let us pray.

Intercessor Blessed are you, O God, for your life giving breath at the heart of creation from which all joy and gladness came forth;

People **For the breath of life; for the heavens and earth, and all things molded from the dust.**

Intercessor As we give thanks for the gift of this life and for the comfort we receive in your holy presence, we pray for those places in our world and our lives where there is no joy or comfort;

People **For communities in ruins and war-torn people and nations; for those held captive physically or emotionally;**

Intercessor For those who are weary or weakened by troubles;

People **And those who are dying and frightened;**

Intercessor For the sick and the suffering, especially those we now name.

<Pause for additional prayers.>

For the departed and those who mourn.

<Pause for additional prayers.>

We ask your comfort and your holy presence, Lord,

People **For all people, for our loved ones and for ourselves.**

Intercessor We pray to you, O Holy Spirit, that we may know your love within us and in the world, and that our lives may be a witness to that love and to your glory.

Celebrant May God guide us with wisdom, help us with mercy, bless us with grace, and empower us with love, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

All **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

ISLE OF THE BLEST

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. You breathe into us your Spirit, and by the blowing of the gentle breeze, you remind us of the constancy of your loving presence. Your glory is in the breath of each created thing, and through your creation we see the holiness and wonder of your being, And so with all the hosts of heaven and earth, with the wind that howls and the gentle breeze that soothes, we join in the praises of your unending greatness:

Celebrant and People

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a 6/4 time signature, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 6/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "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". The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some phrases held over from one staff to the next.

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 bless you for Christ who carried sin's destructive powers to the cross that all people might be set free. Through Christ 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.

Just as the prophets of Israel had spoken of the sufferings that would be His, so Jesus 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, that they may be the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and through them we may be made stronger 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 Christ 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

COMMUNION MUSIC

IN THE SALLY GARDEN

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, in love you have called us to be your people and in love you have given us this bread and wine; may this holy meal refresh us as a gentle and steady breeze, that renewed in your Holy Spirit, we may go forth into the world to serve your people; in the name of God, who is Love. 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 world, we will shine with the love of God. Amen.

CELTIC BENEDICTION



May the road rise to meet you, and the wind be at your back; May the



rains fall soft up - on your fields, and the sun shine warm on your face. And un -



til we meet a - gain, may you rest in Love's em - brace.

THE BLESSING

The power and peace of the Presence protect you.

The grace and goodness of the saints inspire you.

The good and gracious God go with you and keep you always.

And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and for ever.

Amen.

CLOSING SONG

'Spirit of God, unseen as the wind ...'

Skye Boat Song



Spi - rit of God, un - seen as the wind, gen - tle as is the dove:



teach us the truth and help us be - lieve, show us the Sav - viour's love!



1. You spoke to us long, long a - go, gave us the writ - ten word;—

2. With - out your help we fail our Lord, we can - not live his way;—



we read it still, need - ing its truth, through it God's voice is heard.—

we need your pow'r, we need your strength, fol - low - ing Christ each day.—

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

The Parting Glass

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant The Rev. Philip DeVaul
Preacher Christine Andrew
Lector Steve Carlton-Ford
Lay Reader Jeanne Plunkett
Intercessor Joan Burrow
Celtic Guild John Calhoun
Bread Guild Guy Byars
Altar Guild Andrea Rogers, Lisa Senter, Julia Joyce, Katy Mallon
Flower Guild Kathleen Stengel, Anna Kamphaus, Cindy Bryden, Lynne Zajac



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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