

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 19, 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.

The people’s response is in bold.

PRELUDE

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 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.

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

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.

FIRST LESSON

ZEPHANIAH 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,

“The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”

Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,

a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

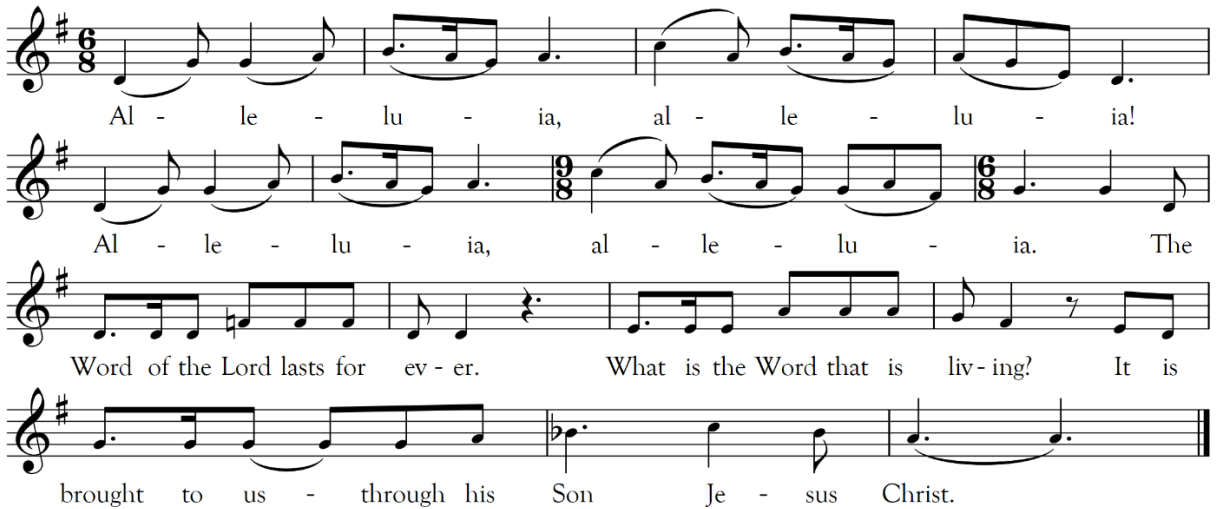
THE RESPONSE

Winter Poem By Nikki Giovanni

once a snowflake fell
on my brow and i loved
it so much and i kiss
it and it was happy and called its cousins
and brothers and a web
of snow engulfed me then
i reached to love them all
and i squeezed them and they became
a spring rain and i stood perfectly
still and was a flower

GOSPEL SONG

Only sung when a musician is present.



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

MATTHEW 25:14-30

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is

yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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

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

Spoken unless a musician is present.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, _____
g 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

COMMUNION MUSIC

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for the gift of this bread and wine

that have served here as earthly reminders of your heavenly love.

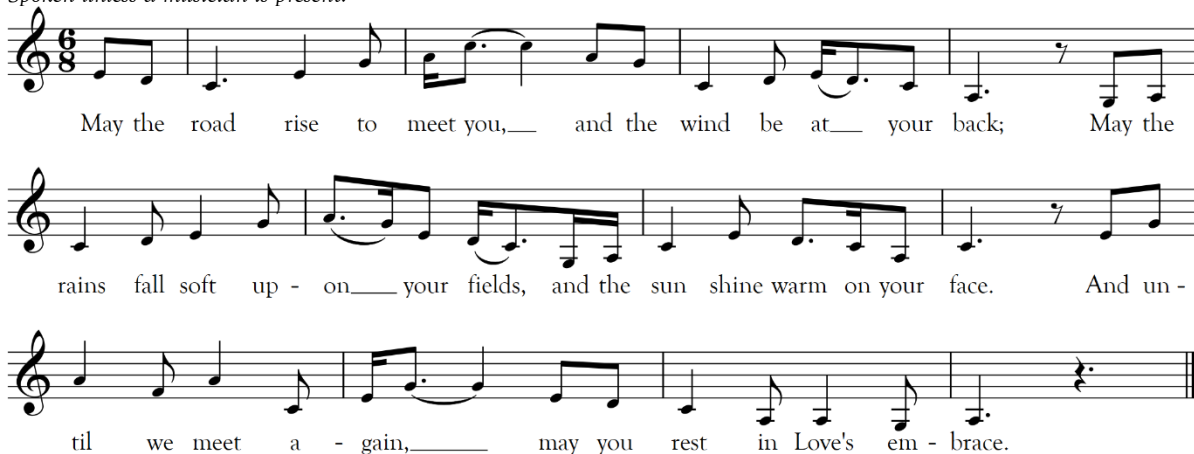
We pray now that as the waters of the earth purify your creation,
 you will cleanse us with your Holy Spirit
 as gentle and pure as the cool spring water,
 that, renewed by this holy meal,
 we may go forth into the world to serve your people:
 in the name of God,
 Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen.

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
 world, we will shine with the love of God. Amen.

CELTIC BLESSING

Spoken unless a musician is present.



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

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,
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
 be with you now and always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

All who hunger gather gladly

from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

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1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a wel - come guest!
3. All who hun - ger, sing to geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

When a musician is present.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Joyce Keeshin
Lector	Nico Rumboll
Lay Reader	Missy Darling
Intercessor	John Schenk
Celtic Guild	Pamela Popp
Bread Guild	Brian Babb
Altar Guild	Kelli Wisecup, Patricia Kovach, Lisa Senter
Flower Guild	Laurie Maguire, Edie Zimmerman, Christine Bennett, Cindy Bryden
Musicians	Jack Copley

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

The flowers that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in loving memory of George M. Callard by Linda, Paul, George D., David, Will, and Susie.

CALENDAR

Look for more details on events on our website: redeemer-cincy.org/events.

Church of the Redeemer offers a variety of worship, education, and fellowship events for all ages. A quick glance at our calendar provides a look at both our recurring opportunities, as well as those special events we have throughout the year. You can access the church calendar on our website under the Connect tab, on our CoR App using the Calendar button, on our TV sign in the narthex (lobby), and by using the QR code at right.



Church of the Redeemer has at its center the love of God in Jesus Christ. We are nourished by this love, empowered by the knowledge that we belong to God unconditionally, and equipped by our church to share love and blessing with the world around us. The gift you make facilitates the blessing of our community and the spiritual nourishment of so many. You are contributing to practical ministries that are transforming lives every day. You are not paying the church back for what it is doing in your life, you are paying it forward to create opportunities for everyone who connects with our church. You are helping the church grow. You make this church what it is. You empower blessing and belonging. **Please make your 2024 financial commitment now. Simply use the Giving button on your CoR App or the QR Code to your right.**



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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.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

