

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 | 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

*St. Columba
By Dundas Loch*

The people's response is in bold.

OPENING WORDS

The God of love is with us.

The Spirit of love is in us.

Come, Lord Christ, come into our hearts.

Come, Lord Christ, and bring us your peace.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

We will light a light in the name of the Maker

The God of wisdom and the Author of peace.

We will light a light in the name of Christ

Jesus whose life is peace.

We will light a light in the name of the Spirit

The Holy One who brings us peace.

A PENITENTIAL LITANY

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

His mercy endures for ever.

Christ who died for our sins, forgive the penitent.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ who shared our griefs, comfort the sorrowing.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ who thirsted on the cross, bring relief to the hungry.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ forsaken by all, be with the lonely and the sad.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ mocked and scorned, support the outcasts and rejected.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ who suffered great pain, be a strength to the weak.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ who died for us all, grant us your salvation.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ crucified, done to death, and buried, give us hope.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ who descended into hell, raise us to glory.

Lord, have mercy.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

His mercy endures for ever.

A PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Let us pray. God of all peace, whose Spirit fills our hearts, be with us as we seek to share your peace that surpasses human understanding, that those whom we encounter on this earthly journey may see in our lives the reflection of your love; in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

a selection from
Everybody Has a Heartache: A Blues

Joy Hario

In the terminal of stopped time I went unsteady to the beat,
Driven by a hungry spirit who is drunk with words and songs.
What can I do?
I have to take care of it.
The famished spirit eats fire, poetry, and rain; it only wants love.

I argue:

You want love?
Do you even know what it looks like, smells like?

But you cannot argue with hungry spirits.

I don't know exactly where I'm going; I only know where I've been,
I want to tell the man who sifted through the wreck to find us here
In the blues shack of disappeared history —
I feel the weight of his heart against my cheek.
His hand is on my back pulling me to him in the dark, to a place
No soldiers can reach.
I hear the whoop-cries of warriors calling fire for a stand
Against the brutality of forgetfulness —

Everybody has a heartache —

We will all find our way, no matter fire leaping through holes in jump time,
No matter earthquake, or the breaking of love spilling over the dreck of matter
In the ether, stacking one burden
Against the other —

We have a heartache.

GOSPEL SONG

Kyrie from St. Anne's Mass

James MacMillan


Please stand. Sung when a musician is present



Lord have mer - cy; Lord - have mer - cy.



Christ have mer - cy; Christ have mer - cy.



Lord have mer - cy; Lord have mer - cy.

THE GOSPEL

MARK 8:31-38

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

Please be seated.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Celebrant* We pray now for the needs of all people throughout the world, remembering that God offers comfort and peace to all creatures.
- Intercessor* We bless you and thank you, O God, for you have filled creation with the glory of life. For the light of the day and the darkness of night, for the sky, sea, and earth; and for the goodness that grows from the land, which nourishes us and brings us life.
- People* **We give thanks to you, O Lord**
- Intercessor* In remembering with thanks the times and places of plenty and well-being in our lives, we stand also in prayer with all who are denied these things, and we ask that all people not be forsaken in time of trouble.
- People* **Do not forsake us, O Lord.**
- Intercessor* Let the cry of the poor be heard, O God, in heaven and on earth; let the hungry be fed and the oppressed be set free.
- People* **Do not forsake us, O Lord.**
- Intercessor* Let those in our community who are sick or suffering know healing in body and soul.
Additional prayers may be added.
O God of all peace,
- People* **Do not forsake us, O Lord.**
- Intercessor* Welcome those who have died, comfort those who mourn them.
Additional prayers may be added.
O God of all hope,
- People* **Do not forsake us, O Lord.**
- Intercessor* Let nations at war cease their strife, neighbors in conflict stop their arguments, and loved ones find peace at home.
- People* **Do not forsake us, O Lord.**
- Celebrant* Look, Lord, on your children, who love your name and need your care and your comfort. Let our hands bear your love to the world that all may know your peace. In Jesus' name we pray. **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

ROSS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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.

In life and in death may we be an offering to you for ever. God from whom all life comes forth, here we gather again with bread and with wine, seeking your presence, and your peace, longing once more to be nourished. We hunger for wholeness in our lives, for unity on earth and for peace among the nations. And we know that only in your love can such peace and unity be found. So with all that we are and all that we have, we join with all of creation as we sing your praises:

Celebrant and People

Sung when a musician is present

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might
heaven and earth are full of your glor - ry, Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he, O bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is your Son, Jesus, who came to heal and bring wholeness by the forgiveness of sins. In life and in death, he revealed your glory; in death and in life he awakens in us the hope that all powers of evil will fall and that your love will reign.

On the night before he suffered, Jesus took bread and, lifting it up and giving thanks to you, he blessed it, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take and eat this, for this is my body which is given for you." Then he took the cup, blessed the wine and gave it to them, saying: "Take and drink this, for this cup is my blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you do these things, remember me."

And so, Lord, we offer to you these gifts. We pray now that your Holy Spirit sanctify this bread and this wine – and to make them be for us the food of heaven, the body and blood of our savior Jesus Christ.

Accept with them the sacrifice of our hearts that all who share in this bread and this cup may be blessed in your love and that through this love, we may be instruments of your peace. We pray this in the name of Jesus, your Son. 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

Be what you see. Receive who you are, the Body of Christ.

THE SHARING OF A HOLY MEAL

COMMUNION MUSIC

THE GENTLE LIGHT THAT WAKES ME

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, for calling us together this evening and for sustaining us with this holy meal. This place is sacred, this time is sacred, and in the sacredness we have shared a mystery. May we in every place and time recognize the sacredness of life and may we accept the mystery as we accept your love – with joyful faith and eternal hope; in Christ’s name. 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

Sung when 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 -



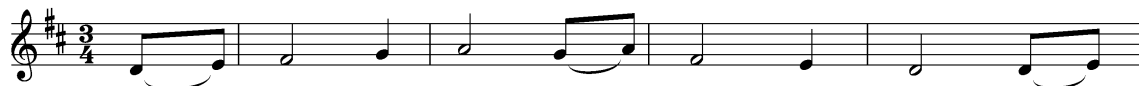
til we meet a - gain, may you rest in Love's em - brace.

THE BLESSING

The blessing of God; Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

'PUT PEACE INTO EACHOTHER'S HANDS ...' ST. COLUMBA



1. Put ___ peace in - to each ___ oth - er's hands and ___
2. Put ___ peace in - to each ___ oth - er's hands with ___
3. Put ___ peace in - to each ___ oth - er's hands, like ___
4. As ___ at com - mu - nion, ___ shape your hands in -
5. Put ___ Christ in - to each ___ oth - er's hands, he ___



like a treas - ure ___ hold it; pro - tect it like a
lov - ing ex - pec - ta - tion; be gen - tle in your
bread we break for ___ shar - ing; look peo - ple warm - ly
- to a wait - ing ___ cra - dle; the gift of Christ re -
is love's deep - est ___ meas - ure; in love make peace, give



can - dle flame, with ten - der - ness en - fold it.
words and ways, in touch with God's cre - a - tion.
in the eye: our life is meant for car - ing.
- ceive, re - vere, u - nit - ed 'round the tab - le.
peace a chance and share it like a treas - ure.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

FIDDLER'S GREEN

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & PreacherThe Rev. Joanna Leiserson
Lector
Lay Reader Keira Hassel
Intercessor Robin Henderson
Celtic Guild Dave Howard
Bread Guild Brian Babb
Altar Guild Andrea Rogers, Julia Joyce, Lisa Senter, Sarah Kate Rasche
Flower Guild Francie Morrison, Blake Gustafson

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

The flowers that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God
in thanksgiving for the birthdays of Megan Darling Feichtner & Charles Darling IV
by Missy & Chuck Darling.



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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