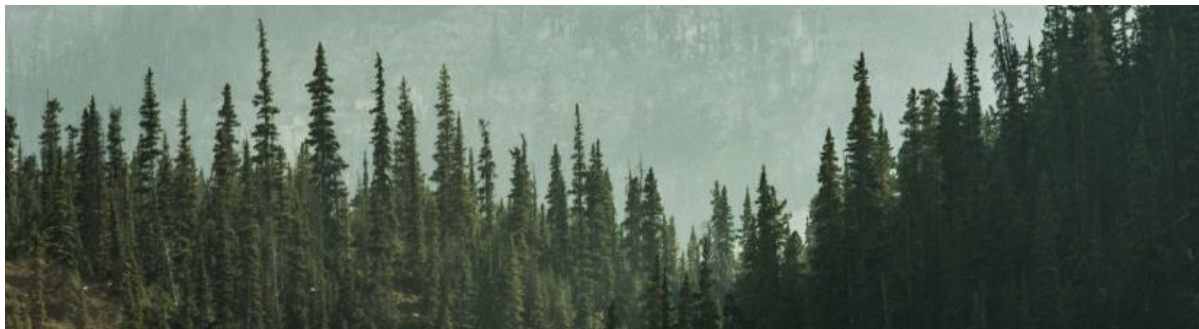


# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 17, 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

*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**

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE

Afraid? (XXIV)

Emily Dickinson

Afraid? Of whom am I afraid?  
Not death; for who is he?  
The porter of my father's lodge  
As much abasheth me.  
Of life? 'T were odd I fear a thing  
That comprehendeth me  
In one or more existences  
At Deity's decree.  
Of resurrection? Is the east  
Afraid to trust the morn  
With her fastidious forehead?  
As soon impeach my crown!

## 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

JOHN 12:20-33

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much

fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

*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.

*Celebrant and People*

**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**

## **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

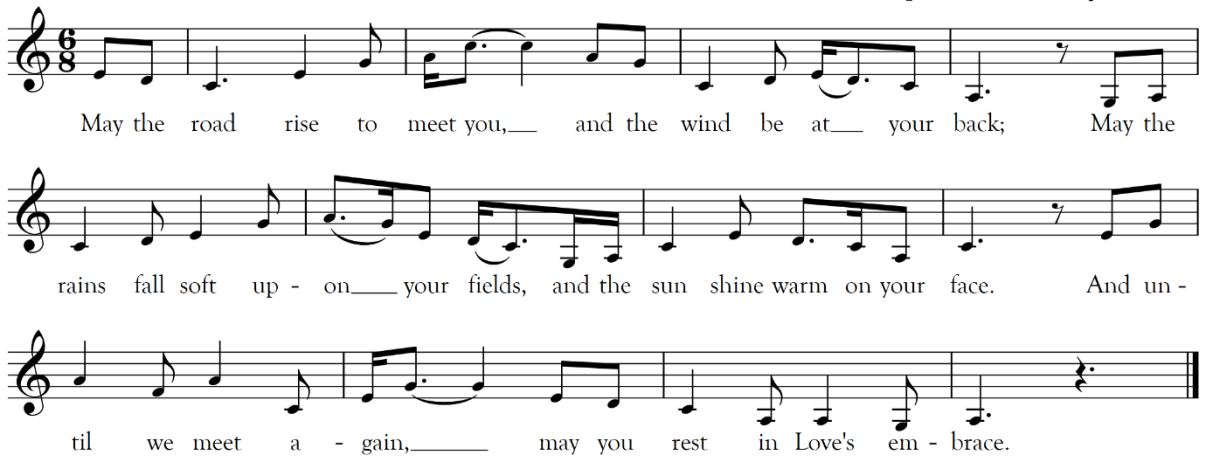
We give you thanks, O God, for calling us together this evening and for sustaining us with this holy meal. This place is sacred, this time is sacred, and in the sacredness we have shared a mystery. May we in every place and time recognize the sacredness of life and may we accept the mystery as we accept 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

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



# PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S WORSHIP

Celebrant .....	The Rev. Melanie Slane
Preacher .....	Jerusalem Greer
Lector .....	Anny Stevens-Gleason
Lay Reader .....	Gale Sheldon
Intercessor .....	Anny Stevens-Gleason
Celtic Guild .....	Dave Howard
Bread Guild .....	Emily von Allmen
Altar Guild .....	Kelli Wisecup, Pattie Kovach, Lisa Senter, Brian Weinewuth
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 and celebration for the lives of Helen & Ewart Simpkinson by Janet & John Simpkinson.

*This year the Flower Guild is dedicating the windows in the Sanctuary for \$100 donation. We always decorate the church for Easter which includes flowers in the windows. This year, if you donate \$100 towards the decoration of a window, we can do it in memory of or in honor of or in thanksgiving for someone.*

*We will place a card in the window with the donor's name and their designation. In addition to the windows, we also ask for donations for the Easter flowers. If you would like to make a donation please use our online form on the website:*

*[redeemercincy.tpsdb.com/Give/easter-flowers](http://redeemercincy.tpsdb.com/Give/easter-flowers)*









### 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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