

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Holy Eucharist in the Celtic Tradition

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



PRELUDE

Ar Hyd Y Nos
La Bonne Fille Betsy

The people's response is in bold.

OPENING WORDS

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ is alive in our hearts.

The God who is love dwells in us. Alleluia!

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

We will light a light in the name of the Maker –

God the Creator of all life.

We will light a light in the name of Christ –

Jesus who offers us newness of life.

We will light a light in the name of the Spirit –

The Holy One whose presence sanctifies all creation.

HYMN OF PRAISE

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God said, "Let there be light!"

God called the light day and the darkness night

Day and night bless you.

The winds of new beginnings stirred; the deep and everlasting waters flowed.

Winds and waters bless you.

The dry land appeared and was called earth and it was good.

Mountains and fields, hills and valleys all bless you.

The day and the night guided the seasons and marked the days and years.

Sun and moon bless you.

The waters brought forth living creatures, who filled the seas, roamed the earth, and rose up to the sky.

Birds and fish, dogs and cats, cows, ostriches, and giraffes; all bless you,

In God's likeness, God then created humankind

Let all the peoples praise you.

You are the God of all creation, let all things bless your Name. **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more fully understand the purpose to which we are called; in the name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

The Beginning of Wisdom
by Denise Levertov

You have brought me so far.

I know so much. Names, verbs, images. My mind
overflows, a drawer that can't close.

Unscathed among the tortured. Ignorant parchment
uninscribed, light strokes only, where a scribe
tried out a pen.

I am so small, a speck of dust
moving across the huge world. The world
a speck of dust in the universe.

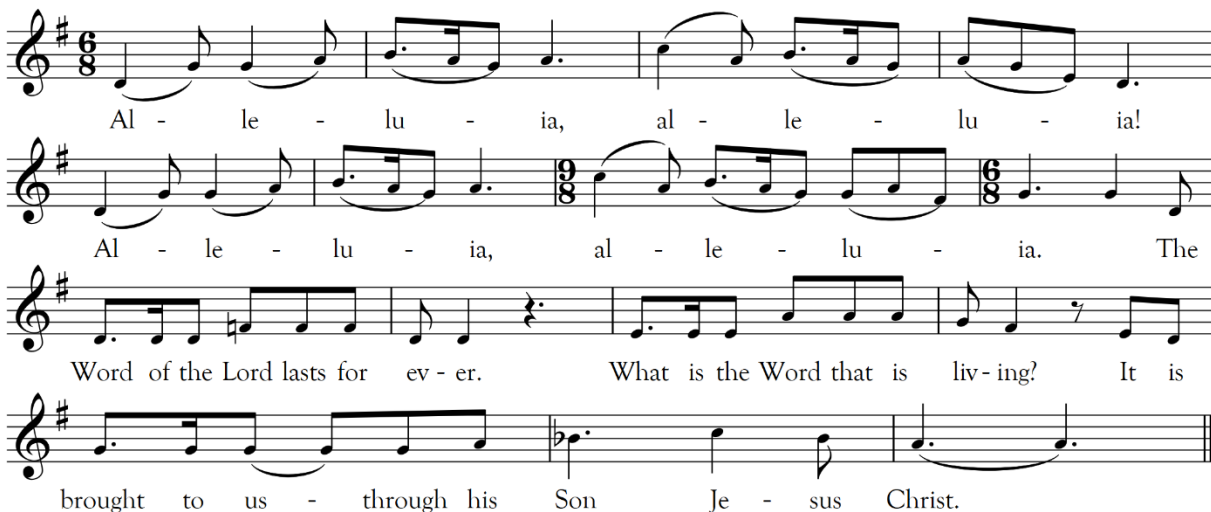
Are you holding
the universe? You hold
onto my smallness. How do you grasp it,
how does it not
slip away?

I know so little.

You have brought me so far.

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

LUKE 24:36B-48

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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 pray now for the needs of all people throughout the world, remembering that God created all and loves all. Let us pray.
- Intercessor* Heavenly Father, we come before you with reverence but with faith that through our prayers your presence can bless. We pray for the Church that its mission may reach to the ends of the earth.
- People* **May we be Christ to each other and light to the world.**
- Intercessor* We pray for the world that its leaders may follow the path of justice and its peoples the way of peace.
- People* **May we and all nations respect one another in freedom, truth, and love.**
- Intercessor* We pray for our community that those who make decisions that affect the lives of others may be inspired by your wisdom.
- People* **May we all act with integrity, respect, and courage that we may live together in harmony.**
- Intercessor* We pray for those any need or trouble.
Particular intercessions are offered.
God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
- People* **May they know the power of your healing love through human compassion.**
- Intercessor* We remember those who have died and those who mourn.
Particular intercessions are offered.
Father, into your hands we commend them.
- People* **Bring those who mourn peace in their time of loss.**
- Intercessor* We pray for ourselves in this church community and for the ministries in which we serve God here.
Particular intercessions are offered.
Lord, you have called us to serve you.
- All* **Grant that we may walk in your presence with your truth in our minds, your strength in our souls and your love in our hearts, that we may share the light of your love with all, 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

ALLAN WATER

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 saints of every nation, and with those who now live in the spirit as you are Spirit, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Celebrant and People

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 bless you for Christ who carried in his body to the tree sin's destructive powers that we and all people might be set free. Through Christ you inspire the hope in us 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.

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 poured it out, and 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."

Celebrant and people

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.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon this bread and wine, that they may be the body and blood of Christ. 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

Gracious God, we come to your table;
Nourish us with the bread of life and the cup of heaven.

THE SHARING OF A HOLY MEAL

COMMUNION MUSIC

THE SETTING SUN

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, who has renewed the earth by the gift of creation,
we thank you for opening our hearts
and making us new with this holy meal.

As we have shared this communion meal,
may we also generously share our lives in love,
and as we seek you in your creation each day,
may we find the patience and vision
to see your love at work in all things
and the grace to let our lives reflect that love;
through Christ our Lord. 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



THE BLESSING

May the Lord of all creation, open your eyes, to behold the beauty around you,

May the Lord of light shine forth to guide you, to walk the way with you

May the Lord of love enfold you in their arms, this day and every day.

And the blessing of God; Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,

be with you now and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

'For the fruits of this creation ...'

Ar Hyd Y Nos



1. For the fruits of this cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God;
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done;
3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God;



For the gifts of ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God;
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done;
For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God;



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while
In the world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry
For the won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that



we are sleep - ing, Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing,
and de - spair - ing, In the har - vests we are shar - ing,
will con - found us, Most of all, that love has found us,



Thanks be to God.
God's will be done.
Thanks be to God.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

Wind Upon the Waters

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Philip DeVaul
Lector Peter Merten
Lay Reader Andrea Rogers
Intercessor Robin Henderson
Celtic Guild Dave Howard
Bread Guild Blake Gustafson
Altar Guild Kathe Kissel, Liz Schildknecht, Missy Darling, Brian Weinewuth
Flower Guild..... Francie Morrison, Courtney Vice, Christy Borneman, Anna Kamphaus

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

The flowers that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the baptism of Lily Frances Albertson by Lynne Zajac and in memory of Mary Elizabeth Romney by Nicky Bade.



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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