

THE FOURTH 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

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 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Another April
by Anne Spencer

She is too weak to tend
her garden last year, this
year—and old.
The plants know, and
cluster, running free.
The wisteria, purple and white,
leaps from tree to martin-
box dragged down by globes
of the fragrant wet petals
to shore up, strengthen the vine, then
drops to touch Earth, to shoot
up again looping, hanging,
peeling out "April again!"
April is here! ...
And the window from
which she stares needs washing—

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 10:11-18

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

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

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, 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

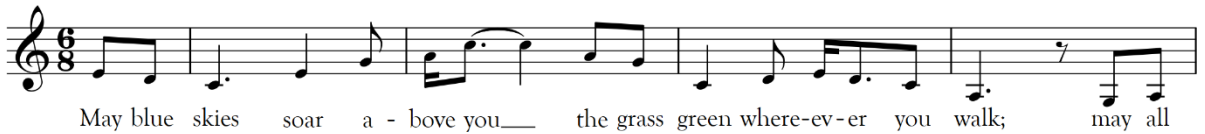
COMMUNION MUSIC

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, and 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

The King of love

vs 1-2



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & PreacherThe Rev. Joanna Leiserson
Lector
Lay ReaderEdward Ewbank
IntercessorPam Popp
Celtic GuildPam Popp
Bread GuildLiz Coley
Altar GuildKelli Wisecup, Pattie Kovach, Lisa Senter, Ivan Delgado
Flower Guild.....Melanie Schottelkotte, Denise Beauchamp, Michelle Kirk, Sue Wilkening



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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