

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 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

*Bunessan
Lord Inchiquin*

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 10:44-48

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture,

he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

When Death Comes
by Mary Oliver

When death comes
like the hungry bear in autumn;
when death comes and takes all the bright coins from his purse

to buy me, and snaps the purse shut;
when death comes
like the measles-pox;

when death comes
like an iceberg between the shoulder blades,

I want to step through the door full of curiosity, wondering:
what is it going to be like, that cottage of darkness?

And therefore I look upon everything
as a brotherhood and a sisterhood,
and I look upon time as no more than an idea,
and I consider eternity as another possibility,

and I think of each life as a flower, as common
as a field daisy, and as singular,

and each name a comfortable music in the mouth,
tending, as all music does, toward silence,

and each body a lion of courage, and something precious to the earth.

When it's over, I want to say: all my life
I was a bride married to amazement.
I was the bridegroom, taking the world into my arms.

When it's over, I don't want to wonder
if I have made of my life something particular, and real.
I don't want to find myself sighing and frightened,
or full of argument.

I don't want to end up simply having visited this world.

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 15:1-8

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in

them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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

BOTANY BAY

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major, 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,'. The second staff continues with 'heav'n and earth are filled with your glo-ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the'. The third staff continues with 'One who comes in the name of the Lord. ho -'. The fourth staff concludes with 'san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est'. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some phrases held over from one staff to the next.

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

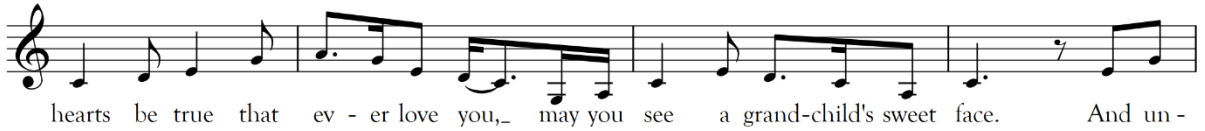
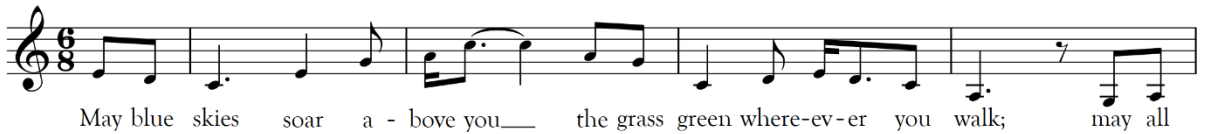
ASHOKAN FAREWELL

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

'God the creator ...'

Buessian



1 God the Cre - a - tor, you in love
2. O Christ the Sav - ior, you in love
3. O God the Spi - rit, you in love
4. And with the peo - ple sum - moned to -



made me who once was no - thing but now have
called me who once was no one, lost and a -
move me who once was no - where and felt un -
- geth - er to be the church in which faith is



grown. I bring the best of all my life
- lone. I pledge to go wher - ev - er you
- known. I know my need of you for com -
sown, I make my prom - ise to live for



of - fers; for you I share what - ev - er I own.
sum - mon, mak - ing your will and pur - pose my own.
- pan - ion: all things can change when not on my own.
Je - sus and let the world know all are his own.

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

The Sound of Mull

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Dr. Herschel Wade
Lector Christine Andrew
Lay Reader Gale Sheldon
Intercessor Margie Johnson
Celtic Guild Dave Howard
Bread Guild Shelley Dumoulin
Altar Guild Andrea Rogers, Julia Joyce, Amanda Rasche, Sarah Kate Rasche
Flower Guild..... Blake Gustafson, Angela Lyman, Kathe Kissel, Lynne Zajac



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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