

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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

The God of love is with us.

The Spirit of love is in us.

Blessed is the Holy Spirit, the breath of God.

Let the winds and all creation praise you.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

We will light a light in the name of our Creator -

God who breathes life into all creation,

We will light a light in the name of our Redeemer -

Jesus who teaches us of the love that flows in all.

We will light a light in the name of our Inspiration -

The Holy Spirit who enlightens our thinking, strengthens our will, and renews us.

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, to you our hearts are open and our inmost desires known. We cannot hide our most intimate secrets from you. Be present at all times in our thoughts and hearts and purify them with your Holy Spirit, so that we may love you with the love of the Spirit and praise your name with humility and joy; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

God breathes life into creation. Let us praise the God of all breath, of all creation!

O God, our strength

We praise you for your power.

O God, our Shield.

We praise you for your protection

O God, our Comfort

We praise you for your solace.

O God, our Inspiration

We praise you for your renewal

O God, our Life,

We praise you for your grace.

O God of all,

We praise you for your love.

Glory to God of all! Glory forever! Amen.

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 50:4-9A

The Lord God has given me

the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain

the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens~

wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face

from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Antiphon for the Holy Spirit

By Hildegard of Bingen

The Spirit of God
is a life that bestows life,
root of world-tree
and wind in its boughs.

Scrubbing out sin,
she rubs oil into wounds.

She is glistening life
alluring all praise,
all-awakening,
all-resurrecting.

GOSPEL SONG

Only sung when a musician is present.

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

MARK 8:27-38

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them 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

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant We now pray for the needs of all people throughout the world, remembering that we are God's people and the hand of love on earth. Let us pray.

Intercessor Blessed are you, O God, for your life giving breath at the heart of creation from which all joy and gladness came forth;

People **For the breath of life; for the heavens and earth, and all things molded from the dust.**

Intercessor As we give thanks for the gift of this life and for the comfort we receive in your holy

presence, we pray for those places in our world and our lives where there is no joy or comfort;

People **For communities in ruins and war-torn people and nations; for those held captive physically or emotionally;**

Intercessor For those who are weary or weakened by troubles;

People **And those who are dying and frightened;**

Intercessor For the sick and the suffering, especially those we now name.

<Pause for additional prayers.>

For the departed and those who mourn.

<Pause for additional prayers.>

We ask your comfort and your holy presence, Lord,

People **For all people, for our loved ones and for ourselves.**

Intercessor We pray to you, O Holy Spirit, that we may know your love within us and in the world, and that our lives may be a witness to that love and to your glory.

Celebrant May God guide us with wisdom, help us with mercy, bless us with grace, and empower us with love, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Celebrant We gather together in search of wholeness, but our brokenness separates us from God and from one another. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

All **God of glory, you sent Jesus among us
as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.**

**We confess that our sin and pride
hide the brightness of your light.**

**We turn away from the poor, we ignore cries for justice,
and we do not strive for peace.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that,
forgiven and renewed,**

**we may show forth your glory
shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you and set you free from sin, strengthen you in goodness, and keep you in eternal life; 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

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

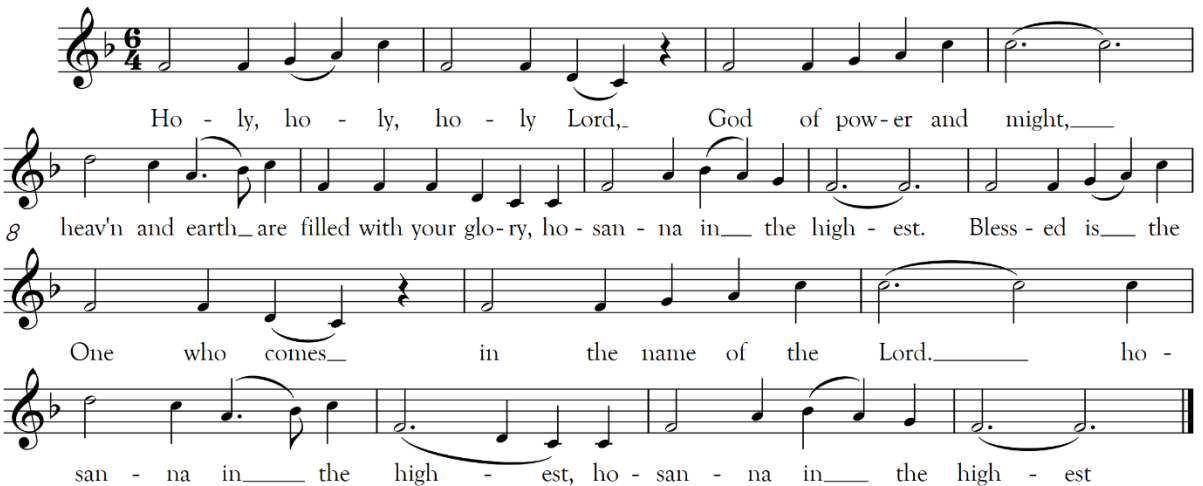
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God. You breathe into us your Spirit, and by the blowing of the gentle breeze, you remind us of the constancy of your loving presence. Your glory is in the breath of each created thing, and through your creation we see the holiness and wonder of your being, And so with all the hosts of heaven and earth, with the wind that howls and the gentle breeze that soothes, we join in the praises of your unending greatness:

Celebrant and People

Spoken unless a musician is present.



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 sin's destructive powers to the cross that all people might be set free. Through Christ you inspire in us the hope 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.

Just as the prophets of Israel had spoken of the sufferings that would be His, so 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 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

Sanctify us with your Holy Spirit, O God, and sanctify this bread and this wine, that they may be the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and through them we may be made stronger again with the strength that only you supply. 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

The Bread of heaven is broken for the life of the world.

The Cup of love is shared with all who seek God. Amen.

THE SHARING OF A HOLY MEAL

COMMUNION MUSIC

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, in love you have called us to be your people and in love you have given us this bread and wine; may this holy meal refresh us as a gentle and steady breeze, that renewed in your Holy Spirit, we may go forth into the world to serve your people; in the name of God, who is Love. 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

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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 embrace.

THE BLESSING

The power and peace of the Presence protect you.
The grace and goodness of the saints inspire you.
The good and gracious God go with you and keep you always.
And the blessing of God almighty, Creator, Christ,
and Holy Spirit be with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Joyce Keeshin
Lector Nico Rumboll
Lay Reader David Haffner
Intercessor Andrea Rogers
Celtic Guild Pam Popp
Bread Guild Cheryl Fast
Altar Guild Katy Mallon, Kathe Kissel, Brian Weinewuth
Flower Guild..... Francie Morrison, Anna Kamphaus, Laurie Maguire, Andrea Schenck

We thank Herie et Hodie for providing music for our service this evening.

The theme of Mystic Women was celebrated today with the Feast of St. Hildegard of Bingen on September 17th.

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

The flowers that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in
loving memory of Alvin & Martha Knoll and William & Ethel Lynch by Pat Knoll;
in loving memory of Betty & Tom Alsop by Hobey & Dave Hinchman;
and in Remembrance of Gordon & Fabienne Christenson's Love Affair of 47 years on September 16
by Gordon Christenson.

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Hi Celtic Congregants!

Our candles help set the space and create a contemplative aesthetic, but I believe some changes can be made to help us align ourselves with a Celtic Christian way of being. A way that is connected to Creation, intentionally connected to the seasons, and is a responsible steward of our resources.

1. **The Columbarium Candles will only be used during the time of the year marked by the Fall and Spring Equinox.**
2. **The Columbarium Candles will be changed to locally sourced Beeswax Candles, and fewer candles will be used.**
3. **A volunteer from the congregation will be called upon to light and extinguish the tri-candle at the beginning and end of service**

Why make these changes?

- Beeswax is a byproduct of the bees that work to pollinate our ecosystem, supporting our natural systems and food source.
- Our current candles use Paraffin oil, which undergoes an intensive refining process contributing to emissions.
- Beeswax candles are claimed to "clean the air"
- Natural candles burn down naturally, likely unevenly, and mark the passage of time, reminding us we do not always have control over how things progress.
- They will be purchased locally and support a local small business.
- We will also be searching for ceramic candle holders to be produced by a local maker, supporting a local artist.
- Our Celtic liturgy changes with the season. We can use the candles to help mark the changes of the season by only using them from Fall to Spring Equinox.
- Our candles will have more significance for lighting the space if only used during the 'darker' times of the year.
- We will limit the candles to around the altar, highlighting the altar we've all come to gather around and share the bread and cup.
- Beeswax candles are more expensive than paraffin, so reducing their number and use will allow us to be cost neutral.

To discuss these changes further, **gather briefly after worship Sept 22nd and 29th** to provide feedback and ask questions.

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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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