



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Welcome to Holy Eucharist in the Celtic tradition. At this service, we offer music and liturgy based on principles of Celtic worship. Our services follow themes which change with the liturgical season. During the season of Pentecost we are guided by the theme of wind, which represents the breath of God which sweeps over the face of the whole creation and fills us with life.



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Celtic Holy Eucharist
October 27, 2019 • 5 pm

PRELUDE

ASHGROVE
MANX LULLABY

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Sirach 35:12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 84:1-6

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

THE SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL SONG

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 li - ving? It is
brought to us through his Son Je- -sus Chnst.

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THE GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

OFFERTORY

THE BLUEBELLS OF SCOTLAND

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power 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.

Music: Land of Rest-traditional folk melody; reprinted under onelicense.net A709573

BLESSING SONG

Verse

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.

Text from traditional Irish Blessing; music by John Grover

CLOSING HYMN

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING



1. Sent forth by God's ___ bless - ing our true faith ___ con -
2. With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er ___



- fess - ing, the peo - ple ___ of ___ God from this dwell - ing take
liv - ing, the tasks of ___ our ___ ev - ery day life we will



leave. The ser - vice is ___ end - ed, O now be ___ ex - tend - ed the
face. Our faith ev - er ___ shar - ing, in love ev - er ___ car - ing, em -



fruits of ___ our ___ wor - ship in all who be - lieve. The ___
- brac - ing ___ God's ___ chil - dren of each tribe and race. With ___



seed of ___ the ___ teach - ing, re - cep - tive ___ souls ___
your grace ___ you ___ feed us, with your light ___ now ___



reach - ing, shall blos - som ___ in ___ ac - tion for God and for
lead us: u - nite us ___ as ___ one in this life that we



all. God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall ___ u -
share. Then may all the ___ liv - ing with praise and ___ thanks -



- nite us to work for ___ God's ___ king - dom and an - swer the call.
- giv - ing give hon - or ___ to ___ Christ and that name which we bear.

Music: Traditional Welsh folk song, Llyn Onn. Lyrics: Omer Westendorf, 1964.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

The Church believes that in Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Christ is given to God's people and received by faith. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome here and invited either to participate in Communion or to receive a blessing. To receive the bread, please hold your hands out in front of you. To receive the wine, help guide the chalice to your lips. If you prefer, you may dip the bread in the wine and then place it in your mouth. If you do not wish to receive the bread and the wine, you are invited to come forward, cross your hands across your chest, and receive a blessing. **Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.**

COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Please use this poetry for your own contemplation during the service or to take with you for your own prayer life.

POETRY

Selections from A Prayer for Pentecost

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life:

At the beginning of time
you moved over the face of the waters;
you breathe into every living being
the breath of life.

Come, Creator Spirit,
and renew the whole creation.

Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher:

You speak to us of our Lord,
and show us the depth of his love.
Come, Spirit of Truth,
abide in us and lead us in the way of Christ.

Holy Spirit, wind and flame,
You filled disciples with joy and courage,
empowering them to preach your word
and to share your good news.

Come, Spirit of Power,
make us bold witnesses
of your redeeming love .

Selection from In Praise of Air

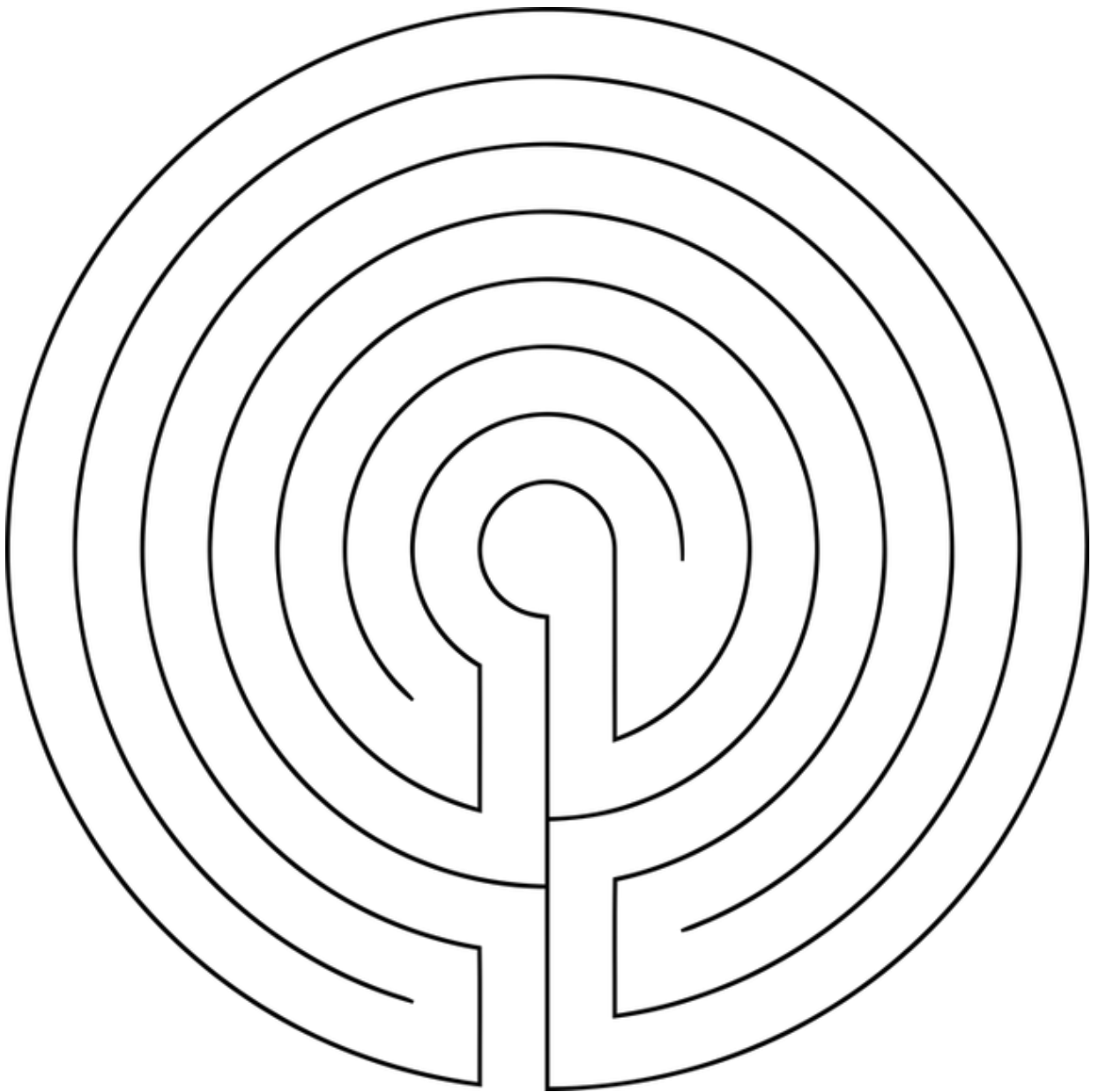
Let us bless the air,
Benefactor of breath,
Keeper of the fragile bridge
We breathe across
Air waiting outside
The womb, to funnel
A first breath
That lets us begin
To be here,
Each moment
Drawn from
Its invisible stock.

-John O'Donohue

Selection from The Voice

I hear your voice on the wind
And I hear you call out my name:
“Listen, my child,” you say to me
“I am the voice of your history.
Be not afraid, come follow me;
Answer my call and I'll set you free.
I am the voice in the wind and the rain.
I am the voice of your hunger and pain.
I am the voice that always is calling you.
I am the voice, I will remain.

-from Brendan Grahame



During periods of silence throughout this service, or in your personal times of prayers and reflection outside of worship, this labyrinth is a gift of peace to all who seek deeper relationship with God in their life's journey.

Using your finger, journey on this labyrinth toward inner-contentedness with the Divine, spend some time with God there, in the center, and then re-trace your journey outward with the knowledge that God is ever with you.

A Labyrinth is not a maze; as a maze has dead ends that are used to confuse and trick the mind. A labyrinth is a spiral course having a single, winding unobstructed path from the outside to the center.

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE CELEBRATING:

Birthdays in the next week: Nancye Van Brunt, Mark Sesler, Dorothy Corbett, Jacqueline Tye, Joan Burrow, John Steele, George-Ann Lawrence, Philip Cone, Karen Grimley, Patrick Carroll, Chuck Darling, Maria Hardy, Maxwell Palmquist.

Anniversaries in the coming week: Margaret & Mark Johnson, Joan & Tristan Lewis.

The **FLOWERS** that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for their anniversary by Joan & Tristan Lewis and in thanksgiving for Chuck Darling's birthday by Missy Darling.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Melanie W. J. Slane

Lector

Steve Carlton-Ford

Lay Reader

Gale Sheldon

Intercessor

Pattie Jamison

Bread Guild

Cherie Wallpe, Les McNeill, Brian Babb

Flower Guild

Kathe Kissel, Vicky Carrol, Pam Hackim, Edie Zimmerman

Altar Guild

Karen Murphy, Nip Becker, Krista DeVaul, Jenny Gale, Kathe Kissel

Celtic Guild

Lynne Lingrel-Partin

