



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. In the season of Advent we celebrate (the stillness of) sound as we wait with pregnant hope to hear the proclamation of Emmanuel; God with us.



First Sunday of Advent
Celtic Holy Eucharist
December 1, 2019 · 5 pm

PRELUDE

SLANE
ISLE OF THE BLEST

IRISH FOLK MELODY
ANCIENT SCOTTISH AIR

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

THE SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL SONG

Lord have mer-cy,

7
Lord havemer cy. Christ havemer-cy, Christ havemer-cy.

13
Lord have mer cy Lord have mer-cy.

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly

Ho - ly Lord. God of power and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Blessed is he, O blessed is

he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est ho -

san - na in the high - est.

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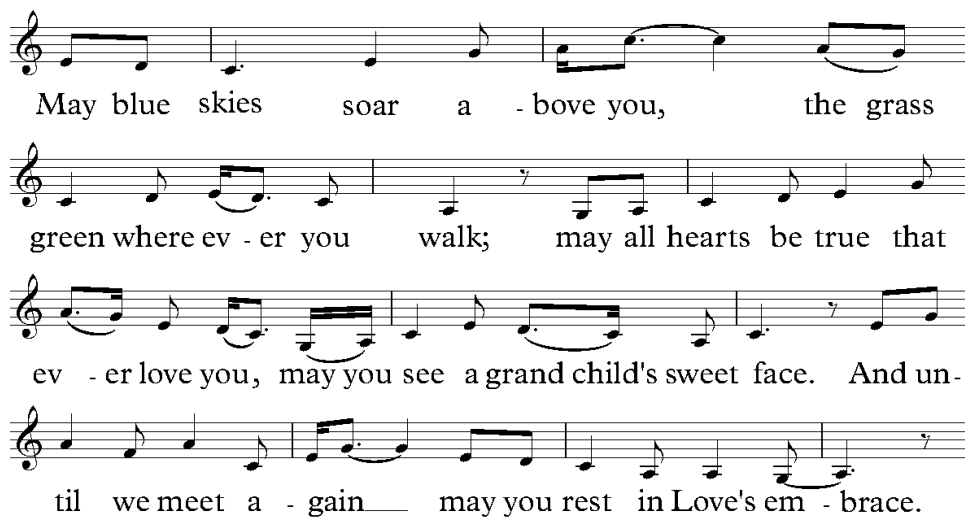
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BLESSING SONG



May blue skies soar a - bove you, the grass
green where ev - er you walk; may all hearts be true that
ev - er love you, may you see a grand child's sweet 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

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS (VS. 1-4)



1. Lord of all — hope - ful - ness, — Lord of all joy, whose —
2. Lord of all — ea - ger - nes, — Lord of all faith, whose —
3. Lord of all — kind - li - ness, — Lord of all grace, your —
4. Lord of all — gen - tle - ness, — Lord of all calm, whose —



trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could des - troy, be
strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be
hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace, be
voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm, be



there at — our — wak - ing, and give us, we pray, your
there at — our — la - bors, and give us, we pray, your
there at — our — hom - ing, and give us, we pray, your
there at — our — sleep - ing, and give us, we pray, your



bliss in our hearts, — Lord, at the break of the day. —
strength in our hearts, — Lord, at the noon of the day. —
love in our hearts, — Lord, at the eve of the day. —
peace in our hearts, — Lord, at the end of the day. —

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

Advent

Somewhere your star-struck choir sings
As the evening unpeels our histories.
The world is here again!
I feel the breathing of yuletide fires,
The ribboned refrains of seasoned candles
And bars of voices beyond St. Stephen's Wall.
The robin appears in a globe of joy
His carol negotiating wreaths of cloud
And tinsled cakes of snow.
We wing into the holy day
While the blinking eye of the gifting moon
Receives you at that vanishing point
On memory's path:
Outlived by love
Alone.

-Stephen Leake

Expectans Expectavi

The candid freezing season again:
Candle and cracker, needles of fir and frost;
Carols that through the night air pass, piercing
The glassy husk of heart and heaven;
Children's faces white in the pane, bright in the tree-light.
And the waiting season again,
That begs a crust and suffers joy vicariously:
In bodily starvation now, in the spirit's exile always.
O might the hilarious reign of love begin, let in
Like carols from the cold
The lost who crowd the pane, numb outcasts into welcome.

-Anne Ridler

The Waiting Place

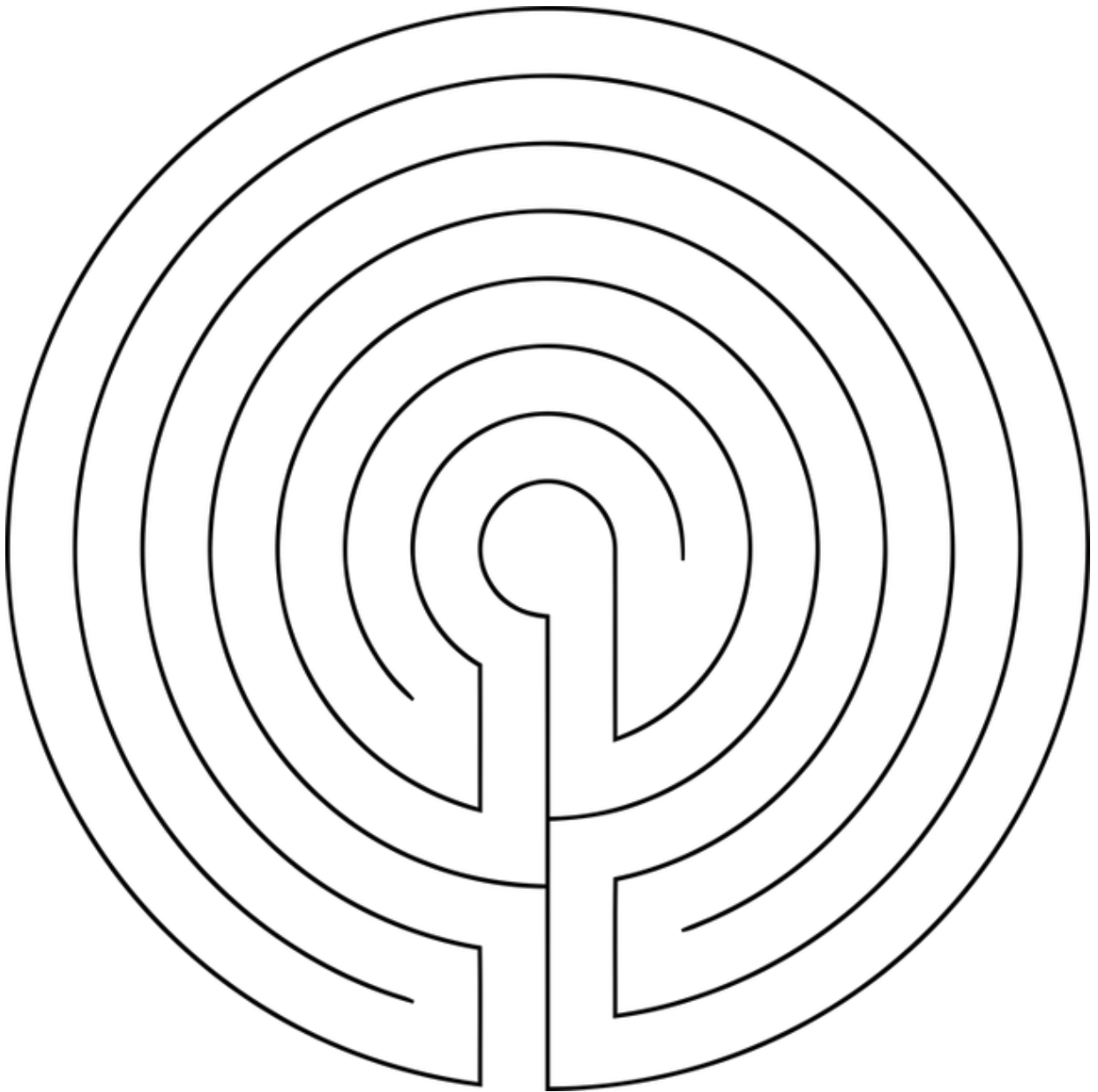
Waiting for a train to go or a bus to come,
or a plane to go or the mail to come,
or the rain to go or the phone to ring,
or the snow to snow or waiting around for a Yes or No
or waiting for their hair to grow.

Everyone is just waiting.

Waiting for the fish to bite
or waiting for wind to fly a kite
or waiting around for Friday night
or waiting, perhaps, for their Uncle Jake
or a pot to boil, or a Better Break
or a string of pearls, or a pair of pants
or a wig with curls, or Another Chance.

Everyone is just waiting.

- Dr. Seuss



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: Bob Schlanz, Armand Antommara, Megan Johnson, Peter Merten, Jon Mills, Wes DeVaul, Harry Bextermueller, James Hard, Sarah Sanderson, Bill Culp, Nancy Mackenzie Powell, Heather Krombholz, Charles Baker, Martha Stimson.

The **FLOWERS** that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Elizabeth Greenwald Mapes by Anne and Tate Greenwald and in thanksgiving for Rachel Votaw by the Altar Guild.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Mitchell Bojarski

Lector

Sarah Sanderson

Lay Reader

Mark Sesler

Intercessor

Pattie Jamison

Bread Guild

Cherie Wallpe, Brett Flodder, Guy Byars

Flower Guild

Kathe Kissel, Jenny Gale, Marcia Shortt, Courtney Vice

Altar Guild

Missy Darling, Judy Frey, Lisa Frey, Liz Schildknecht, Kelly Schleker,

Sharon Smith

Celtic Guild

Dave Howard

