



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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*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.*



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Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Celtic Holy Eucharist + Holy Baptism  
December 22, 2019 • 5 pm



## PRELUDE

*A MEDLEY OF MEDIEVAL CELTIC CAROLS* IRISH AND ENGLISH CAROLS, 12TH-

15TH CENTURIES

# Celtic Holy Eucharist + Holy Baptism

## THE COLLECT

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

## THE RESPONSE

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

# 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 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

## OFFERTORY

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

BERNADETTE FARRELL, B. 1957

## 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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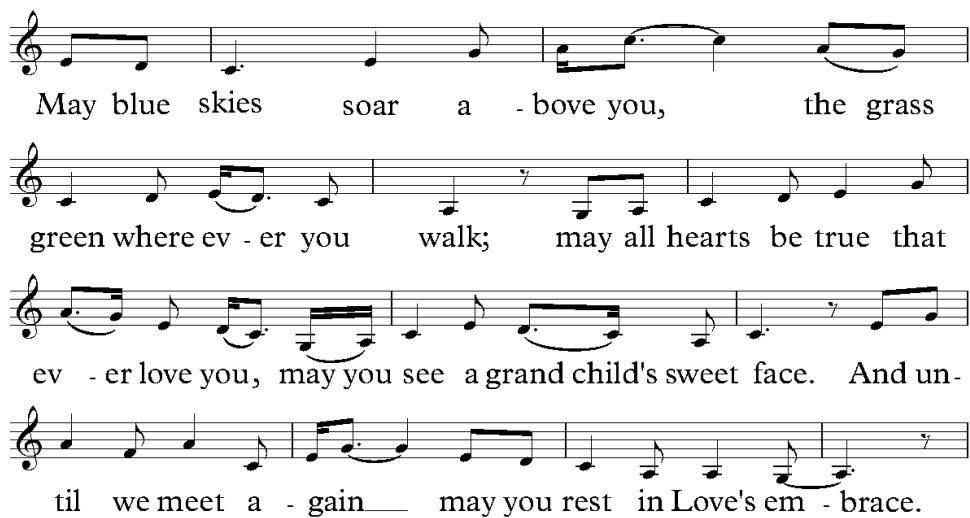
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# COMMUNION MUSIC

AND LULLABY

THE CASTLE DROMORE 19TH CENTURY SCOTCH-IRISH AIR

## 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

WHAT CHILD IS THIS (VS. 1-3)



1. What child is this, \_\_\_ who, laid to rest, \_\_\_ on
2. Why lies he in \_\_\_ such mean es - tate \_\_\_ where
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, \_\_\_ come,



Ma - ry's lap \_\_\_ is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet \_\_\_ with  
ox and ass \_\_\_ are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian fear: \_\_\_ for  
Peas - ant, king, \_\_\_ to own \_\_\_ him; the King of kings \_\_\_ sal -



an - thems sweet, \_\_\_ while shep - herds watch \_\_\_ are keep - ing?  
sin - ners here \_\_\_ the si - lent Word \_\_\_ is plead - ing.  
-va - tion brings, \_\_\_ let lov - ving hearts \_\_\_ en - throne him.



This, this \_\_\_ is Christ the King, \_\_\_ whom shep - herds guard \_\_\_ and



an - gels sing; haste, haste \_\_\_ to bring him laud, \_\_\_ the



babe, \_\_\_ the son \_\_\_ of Ma - ry.

Music: Medieval English melody. Lyrics: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)



## 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.**

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*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

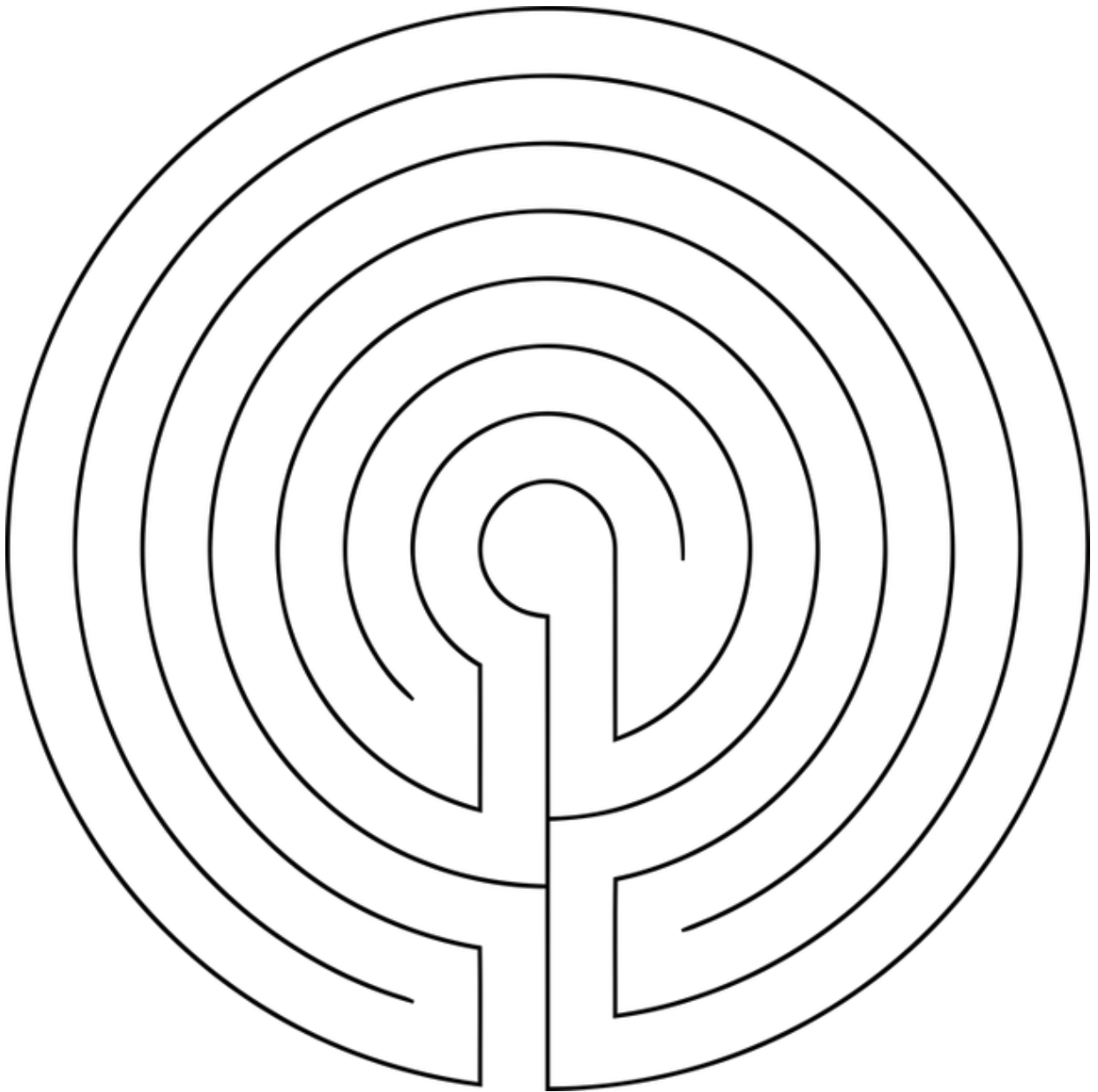
Waiting for a train to go or a bus to come,  
or a plane to go or the mail to come,  
or the rain to go or the phone to ring,  
or the snow to snow or waiting around for a Yes or No  
or waiting for their hair to grow.

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: Naomi Gerwin, Doug Zemke, Jule Schulhoff, Catherine Leopard, Elisa Timmerman, Sam Harris, Natalie Park, Winkie Upson, Holly Hankinson, Tim Webb, Bill Montgomery, Davida Gable, Krista DeVaul, Dick Adams, Kate Burroughs.

**Anniversaries** in the coming week: Jo & Alan Henning, Becky & Tom Harmon, Mary & Ron Heinlen, Jana Riess & Phil Smith, Jr.

The **GREENS** that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in loving memory of JoAnn Black by Stephanie Hughes, Magen & Christian and in thanksgiving for Leslie Martin's birthday by Carolyn and Kevin Martin.

*During the season of Advent, the Redeemer flower guild offers arrangements made exclusively of greens. Thus, we focus on the eternal nature of the evergreens on our Advent Wreath: a circular and illuminated symbol of unending life which gives hope to us in times of darkness.*

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

*Celebrant & Preacher*

*Lector*

*Lay Reader*

*Intercessor*

*Bread Guild*

*Flower Guild*

*Altar Guild*

*Celtic Guild*

The Rev. Philip DeVaul

Gordon Christenson

Andrea Rogers

Pattie Jamison

**Carol Hesser**, H. Paul Callard, Brian Babb

Kathe Kissel, Christine Bennett, Marcia Shortt, Susan Wilkening

Kelli Wisecup, Nip Becker, Katy Mallon, Jenny Gale, Kathe Kissel

Bonnie Dowers, Philip Dowers

