

# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 9, 2025 | 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

*Beach Spring  
Johnny's Song*

*The people's response is in bold.*

## OPENING WORDS

The God of love is with us.

**The Spirit of love is in us.**

Come, Lord Christ, come into our hearts.

**Come, Lord Christ, and bring us your peace.**

## THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

We will light a light in the name of the Maker

**The God of wisdom and the Author of peace.**

We will light a light in the name of Christ

**Jesus whose life is peace.**

We will light a light in the name of the Spirit

**The Holy One who brings us peace.**

## A PENITENTIAL LITANY

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**His mercy endures for ever.**

Christ who died for our sins, forgive the penitent.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ who shared our griefs, comfort the sorrowing.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ who thirsted on the cross, bring relief to the hungry.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ forsaken by all, be with the lonely and the sad.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Christ mocked and scorned, support the outcasts and rejected.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Christ who suffered great pain, be a strength to the weak.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Christ who died for us all, grant us your salvation.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ crucified, done to death, and buried, give us hope.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ who descended into hell, raise us to glory.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**His mercy endures for ever.**

## **A PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Let us pray. God of all peace, whose Spirit fills our hearts, be with us as we seek to share your peace that surpasses human understanding, that those whom we encounter on this earthly journey may see in our lives the reflection of your love; in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

## **FIRST LESSON**

DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

Moses said, "When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an

outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## THE RESPONSE

*The Way In*

Linda Hogan

Sometimes the way to milk and honey is through the body.

Sometimes the way in is a song.

But there are three ways in the world: dangerous, wounding,  
and beauty.

To enter stone, be water.

To rise through hard earth, be plant  
desiring sunlight, believing in water.

To enter fire, be dry.

To enter life, be food.

## GOSPEL SONG

*Kyrie from St. Anne's Mass*

James MacMillan


*Please stand. Sung when a musician is present*



Lord have mer - cy; Lord - have mer - cy.



Christ have mer - cy; Christ have mer - cy.



Lord have mer - cy; Lord have mer - cy.

## THE GOSPEL

LUKE 4:1-13

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE HOMILY

*Please be seated.*

*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 offers comfort and peace to all creatures.

*Intercessor* We bless you and thank you, O God, for you have filled creation with the glory of life. For the light of the day and the darkness of night, for the sky, sea, and earth; and for the goodness that grows from the land, which nourishes us and brings us life.

*People* **We give thanks to you, O Lord**

*Intercessor* In remembering with thanks the times and places of plenty and well-being in our lives, we stand also in prayer with all who are denied these things, and we ask that all people not be forsaken in time of trouble.

*People* **Do not forsake us, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* Let the cry of the poor be heard, O God, in heaven and on earth; let the hungry be

fed and the oppressed be set free.

*People* **Do not forsake us, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* Let those in our community who are sick or suffering know healing in body and soul.

*Additional prayers may be added.*

O God of all peace,

*People* **Do not forsake us, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* Welcome those who have died, comfort those who mourn them.

*Additional prayers may be added.*

O God of all hope,

*People* **Do not forsake us, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* Let nations at war cease their strife, neighbors in conflict stop their arguments, and loved ones find peace at home.

*People* **Do not forsake us, O Lord.**

*Celebrant* Look, Lord, on your children, who love your name and need your care and your comfort. Let our hands bear your love to the world that all may know your peace. In Jesus' name we pray. **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

*MacPherson's Farewell*

*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.

In life and in death may we be an offering to you for ever. God from whom all life comes forth, here we gather again with bread and with wine, seeking your presence, and your peace, longing once more to be nourished. We hunger for wholeness in our lives, for unity on earth and for peace among the nations. And we know that only in your love can such peace and unity be found. So with all that we are and all that we have, we join with all of creation as we sing your praises:

*Celebrant and People*

*Sung when a musician is present*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might  
heaven and earth are full of your glor - ry, Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he, O bless - ed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high est, ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is your Son, Jesus, who came to heal and bring wholeness by the forgiveness of sins. In life and in death, he revealed your glory; in death and in life he awakens in us the hope that all powers of evil will fall and that your love will reign.

On the night before he suffered, Jesus took bread and, lifting it up and giving thanks to you, he blessed it, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take and eat this, for this is my body which is given for you." Then he took the cup, blessed the wine and gave it to them, saying: "Take and drink this, for this cup is my blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you do these things, remember me."

And so, Lord, we offer to you these gifts. We pray now that your Holy Spirit sanctify this bread and this wine - and to make them be for us the food of heaven, the body and blood of our savior Jesus Christ.

Accept with them the sacrifice of our hearts that all who share in this bread and this cup may be blessed in your love and that through this love, we may be instruments of your peace. We pray this in the name of Jesus, your Son. 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**

Be what you see. Receive who you are, the Body of Christ.

## **THE SHARING OF A HOLY MEAL**

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

SLOW SCOTTISH WALTZ

### **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, for calling us together this evening and for sustaining us with this holy meal. This place is sacred, this time is sacred, and in the sacredness we have shared a mystery. May we in every place and time recognize the sacredness of life and may we accept the mystery as we accept your love – with joyful faith and eternal hope; in Christ's name. 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 BLESSING

*Sung when a musician is present*



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.

## THE BLESSING

The blessing of God; Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and always. **Amen.**



# THE CLOSING HYMN *Come away from rush and hurry, vs. 1-3*

Beach Spring



1. Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the still - ness of God's
2. In the pas - tures of God's good - ness we lie down to rest our
3. Come, then, child - ren with your bur - dens: life's con - fu - sions, fears and



peace; from our vain am - bi - tion's wor - ry, come to Christ and find re -  
soul. From the wa - ters of God's mer - cy we drink deep - ly, are made  
pain. Leave them at the cross of Je - sus; take in - stead his king - dom's



- lease. Come a - way from noise and clam - or, life's de - mands and fren - zied  
whole. At the tab - le of God's pres - ence all the saints are rich - ly  
reign. Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them; he a - lone will sat - is -



pace; come to join the peo - ple gath - ered here to seek and find God's face.  
fed. With the oil of God's a - noint - ing in - to ser - vice we are led.  
- fy. All our long - ings find at - tain - ment when to self we glad - ly die.

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

BRAES OF LOCH EIL

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher ..... The Rev. Joyce Keeshin  
Lector .....  
Lay Reader ..... Andrea Rogers  
Intercessor ..... Robin Henderson  
Celtic Guild ..... Betsy & Brian Babb  
Bread Guild ..... Courtney Vice  
Altar Guild..... Kelli Wisecup, Emily Esslinger, Liz Schildknecht, Lisa Senter  
Flower Guild ..... Christine Bennett, Cindy Bryden





### 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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