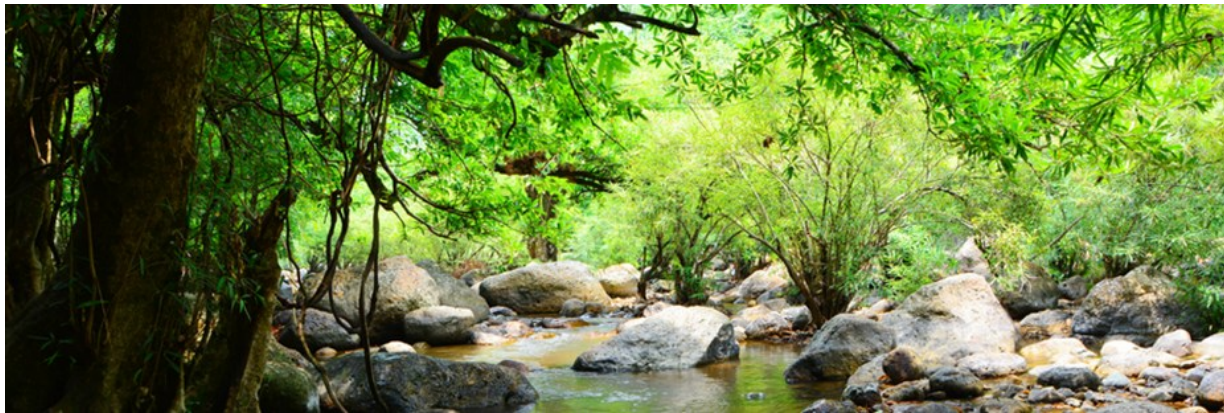


THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 18, 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

Bunessan

The People's response is in bold.

OPENING WORDS

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ is alive in our hearts.

The God who is love dwells in us. Alleluia!

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

We will light a light in the name of the Maker.

The God of wisdom and the Author of all peace.

We will light a light in the name of Christ

Jesus whose life modeled radical peace.

We will light a light in the name of the Spirit

The Holy One who brings us peace and comfort.

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more fully understand the purpose to which we are called; in the name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Spring

Mary Oliver

And here is the serpent again,
dragging himself out from his nest of darkness,
his cave under the dark rocks,
his winter-death.
He slides over the pine needles.
He loops around the branches of rising grass,
looking for the sun.

Well who doesn't want the sun after a long winter?
I step aside,
he feels the air with his soft tongue,
around the bones of his body he moves like oil.

downhill he goes
toward the black mirrors of the pond.
Last night it was still so cold
I woke and went out to stand in the yard,
and there was no moon.

GOSPEL SONG

Celtic Alleluia

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

John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ .John

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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 pray now for the needs of all the people throughout the world, remembering that God created all and loves all. Let us pray.

Intercessor Heavenly Father, we come before you with reverence but with faith that through our prayers your presence can bless. We pray for the Church that its mission may reach to the ends of the earth.

People **May we be Christ to each other and light to the world.**

Intercessor We pray for the world that its leaders may follow the path of justice and its peoples the way of peace.

People **May we and all nations respect one another in freedom, truth, and love.**

Intercessor We pray for our community that those who make decisions that affect the lives of others may be inspired by your wisdom.

People **May we all act with integrity, respect, and courage that we may live together in harmony.**

Intercessor We pray for those any need or trouble.

Particular intercessions are offered.

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

People **May they know the power of your healing love through human compassion.**

Intercessor We remember those who have died and those who mourn.

Particular intercessions are offered.

Father, into your hands we commend them.

People **Bring those who mourn peace in their time of loss.**

Intercessor We pray for ourselves in this church community and for the ministries in which we serve God here.

Particular intercessions are offered.

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

All **Grant that we may walk in your presence with your truth in our minds, your strength in our souls and your love in our hearts, that we may share the light of your love with all, 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

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.

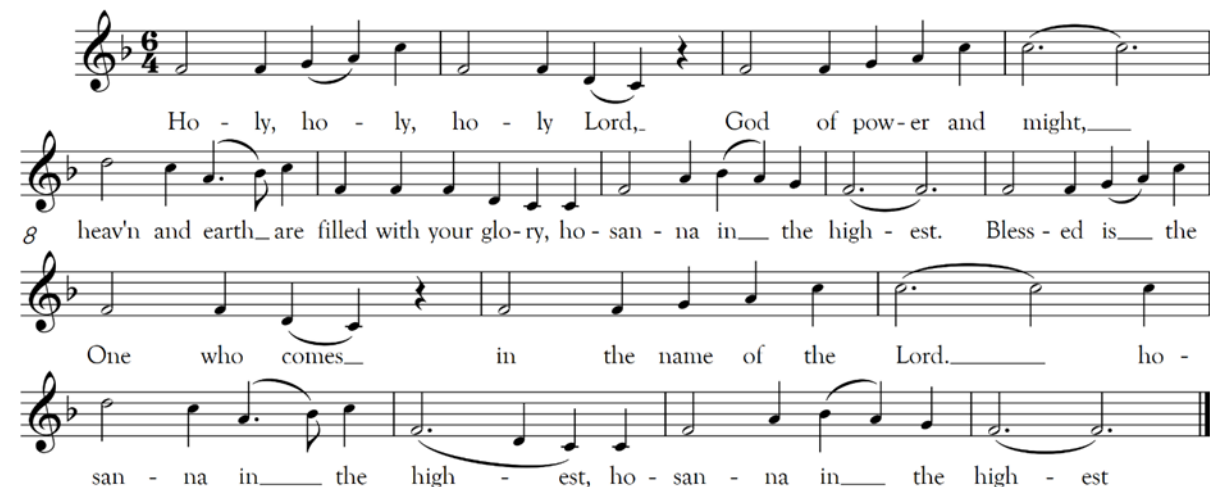
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God, by whose word the heavens were formed and the earth was brought forth from the waters. The reflection of your glory shines in each created thing, and though earth's flowering fades, you plant within us imperishable seeds for our salvation and call life out of death into the light that endures forever. And so with heaven and earth's host of light, with the saints of every nation, and with those who now live in the spirit as you are Spirit, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Celebrant and People



The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The score begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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". The score ends with a double bar line.

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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 in his body to the tree sin's destructive powers that we and all people might be set free. Through Christ you inspire the hope in us 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.

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 poured it out, and 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."

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.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon this bread and wine, that they may be the body and blood of Christ. 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

Gracious God, we come to your table;
Nourish us with the bread of life and the cup of heaven.

THE SHARING OF A HOLY MEAL

COMMUNION MUSIC

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray.

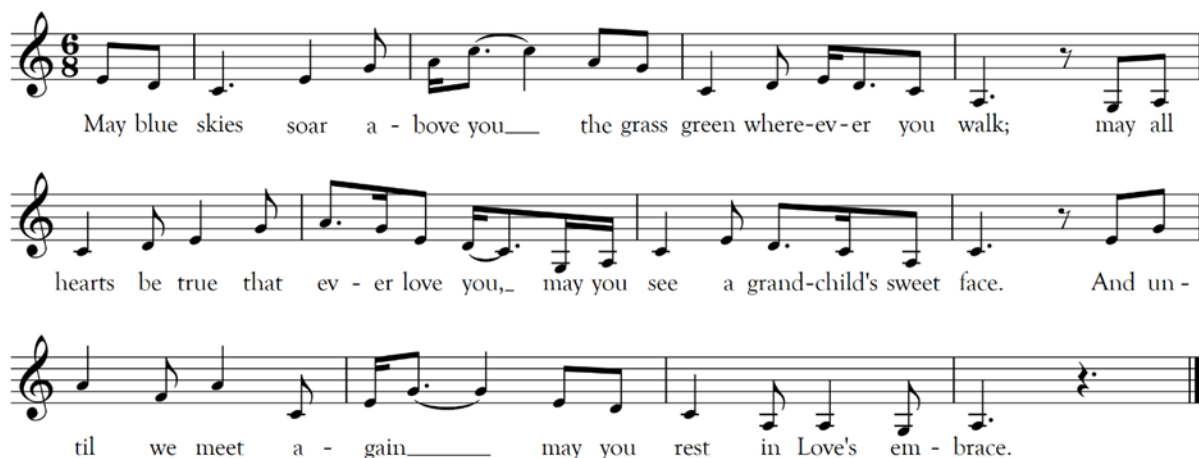
O God, who has renewed the earth by the gift of creation,
we thank you for opening our hearts
and making us new with this holy meal.

As we have shared this bread and wine,
may we also generously share our lives in love,
and as we seek you in your creation each day,
may we find the patience and vision
to see your love at work in all things
and the grace to let our lives reflect that love;
through Christ our Lord. 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



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 Lord of creation open your eyes
to behold the beauty around you,
The Lord of light shine forth to guide you on your way,
and the Lord of love enfold you in their arms,
this day and every day.
And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and always. **Amen.**

God the Creator

Music: Bunesan, traditional Gaelic melody
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1 God the Cre - a - tor, you in love
 2. O Christ the Sav - ior, you in love
 3. O God the Spi - rit, you in love
 4. And with the peo - ple sum - moned to -



made me who once was no - thing but now have
 called me who once was no one, lost and a -
 move me who once was no - where and felt un -
 - geth - er to be the church in which faith is



grown. I bring the best of all my life
 - lone. I pledge to go wher - ev - er you
 - known. I know my need of you for com -
 sown, I make my prom - ise to live for



of - fers; for you I share what - ev - er I own.
 sum - mon, mak - ing your will and pur - pose my own.
 - pan - ion: all things can change when not on my own.
 Je - sus and let the world know all are his own.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Joyce Keeshin
Lector	Steve Carlton-Ford
Lay Reader	Mark Sesler
Intercessor	Robin Henderson
Celtic Guild	Dave Howard
Bread Guild	Ryan Andrews
Altar Guild	Kathe Kissel, Katy Mallon, Brian Weinewuth
Flower Guild.....	

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

The flowers that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their grandchildren Alexander, Spencer, and Emmy Wolf and Charlie and Daphne Simpkinson by Janet and John Simpkinson. And in loving memory of Karen’s Father, Stan Kjelby by Karen and Bob Schlanz.



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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