

# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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Holy Eucharist in the Celtic Tradition

*This liturgy is adapted from "A Celtic Liturgy for Every Season" by Elizabeth Grover*



## PRELUDE

BEACH SPRING  
IN THE SALLY GARDEN

*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 FOR THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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**

### **Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of

the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## THE RESPONSE

Psalm 95

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, \*  
"They shall not enter into my rest.

## GOSPEL SONG

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## THE GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her,

“Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE HOMILY**

*There will be a pause for silent reflection immediately following the homily.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

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**

THE GALBALLY FARMER

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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*

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 Lord 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**

The Spirit we await is with us in the bread.  
The voice of the Holy One speaks to us in the cup.

## **THE SHARING OF THE FEAST**

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

THE SETTING SUN

## **CLOSING 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 BENECTION



May blue skies soar a - bove you, \_ the grass green where - ev - er you walk, may all



hearts be true that ev - er loved 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.

## A Solemn Prayer over the People

*Celebrant* Bow your head before the Lord.

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

'Come away from rush and hurry ...'(verses 1-3)

**Music:** attrib. to B.F. White (1800-1879),  
published 1844 in 'The Sacred Heart'  
**Text:** 1999 by M. J. Dawn (b. 1948)



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 the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

## THE POSTLUDE

The Banks of Newfoundland

# PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher ..... The Rev. Joyce Keeshin  
Readers ..... Anny Stevens-Gleason, Jeanne Plunkett  
Intercessor..... Robin Henderson  
Chalice Bearer ..... Jeanne Plunkett  
Altar Guild ..... Andrea Rogers, Emily Esslinger, Lisa Senter, Missy Darling  
Bread Guild ..... Ryan Andrews  
Celtic Guild ..... Steve Kapuscinski

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## 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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