

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2026 | 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

ST. COLUMBA
THE GANNETS OF SULA SKERRY

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 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 PRAYER FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 66:7-18

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
 and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and water; *
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
 and will pay you my vows, *
 which I promised with my lips
 and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
 with the smoke of rams; *
 I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
 and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
 and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
 the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
 he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
 nor withheld his love from me.

GOSPEL SONG

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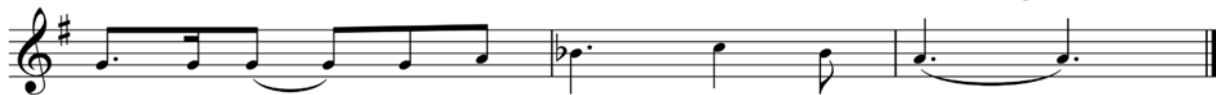
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



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 14:15-21

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Kristin our Bishop; and

for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

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 PEARL

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

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 musical score is written on four staves in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the 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.

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 Jesus 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 THE FEAST

COMMUNION MUSIC

WATER SOUND SHORE

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray:

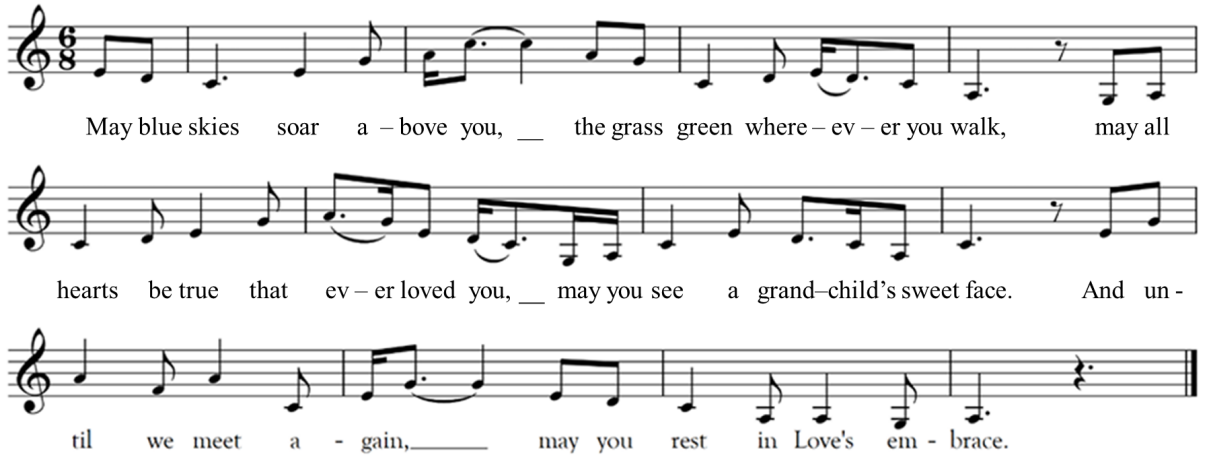
O God, who has renewed the earth by the gift of creation,
we thank you for opening our hearts
and making us new with this holy meal.

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 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.

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.**

CLOSING SONG

'Put Peace Into each other's ...' (verses 1-5)



1. Put ___ peace in - to each ___ oth - er's hands and ___
2. Put ___ peace in - to each ___ oth - er's hands with ___
3. Put ___ peace in - to each ___ oth - er's hands, like ___
4. As ___ at com - mu - nion, ___ shape your hands in -
5. Put ___ Christ in - to each ___ oth - er's hands, he ___



like a treas - ure ___ hold it; pro - tect it like a
lov - ing ex - pec - ta - tion; be gen - tle in your
bread we break for ___ shar - ing; look peo - ple warm - ly
- to a wait - ing ___ cra - dle; the gift of Christ re -
is love's deep - est ___ meas - ure; in love make peace, give



can - dle flame, with ten - der - ness en - fold it.
words and ways, in touch with God's cre - a - tion.
in the eye: our life is meant for car - ing.
- ceive, re - vere, u - nit - ed 'round the tab - le.
peace a chance and share it like a treas - ure.

Music: St. Columba (Irish)
Words: Fred Kaan (b. 1929)

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

Bonnets so Blue

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Dr. Herschel Wade
Readers Steve Carlton-Ford, Anny Stevens-Gleason
Intercessor Margaret Johnson
Chalice Bearer Carter Waide
Altar Guild Missy Darling, Emily Esslinger, Liz Schildknecht, Lisa Senter
Bread Guild Sean Maher
Celtic Guild Dave Howard
Flower Guild.....Denise Beauchamp, Kathe Kissel, Melanie Schottelkotte, Edie Zimmerman

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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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