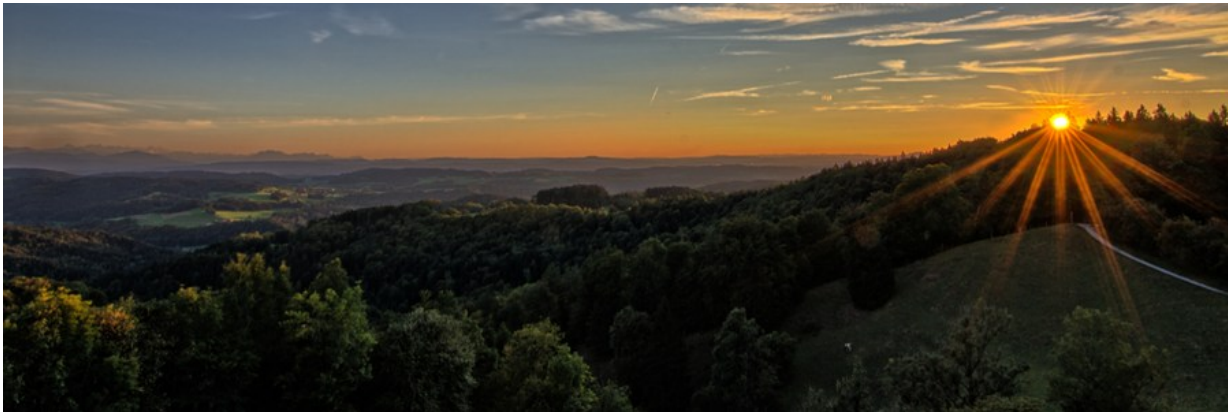


THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Holy Eucharist in the Celtic Tradition

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



The People's response is in bold.

OPENING WORDS

The God of love is with us.

The Spirit of love is in us.

Blessed be the One whose Spirit burns in our hearts.

May the Spirit set us afire with his love.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

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

God who created fire.

We will light a light in the name of Christ

Jesus whose love warms our hearts.

We will light a light in the name of the Spirit

The Holy One, the fire of life.

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Let us praise the Holy One.

God sets our hearts afire with love.

Praise the God of Love!

As a fire warms the hands of those who venture near,

So does the Spirit of our God warm the hearts

of those who open their souls to her love.

Praise for warmth!

As a fire surrounds all in its path,

so does the Spirit of our God envelop our souls in grace.

Praise for the grace!

As a fire blazes with passionate intensity, so does the Spirit of our God set us on fire with a heavenly passion.

Praise for the passion!

Praise to the God of the hearth who invites us to draw near.

Praise to the God of the flame, of the warmth, of the passion. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 69:8-11, 18-20

- 8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, *
and shame has covered my face.
- 9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, *
an alien to my mother's children.
- 10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; *
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
- 11 I humbled myself with fasting, *
but that was turned to my reproach.
- 18 Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; *
in your great compassion, turn to me.'
- 19 "Hide not your face from your servant; *
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
- 20 Draw near to me and redeem me; *
because of my enemies deliver me.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

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

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us join in affirming our faith in God.

Our God is the God of all humanity,

of heaven and earth, of the seas and the rivers,

of the sun and the moon, and all the stars,

God of the highest mountains and of the lowest valleys, over heaven, in heaven, and under heaven.

God is present in all things in heaven and earth and seas, inspires all things, brings life to all things,

is over all things and supports all things.

God makes the light of the sun to shine,

and surrounds the moon and stars,

brings water to the deserts

and places dry islands in the sea.

God's Son lives as God lives, eternal and holy.

The Holy Spirit breathes in the Father and the Son,

and the Holy Spirit lives in God the Christ.

And God is forever. Amen.

PRAYERS

Celebrant: We pray now for the Church, the world, and all those in need, remembering that God can be present to us and can transform our lives if we but draw near. Let us pray.

Intercessor: Gracious God, empower the Church throughout the world in its life and witness. Break down barriers that divide, so that united in your truth and love, the Church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit at one table, and serve you with one accord.

People: **Light of the world, be known to us.**

Intercessor: Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed and vain ambition, and to strive for justice and peace, so that all your children may be free.

People: **Light of the world, be known to us.**

Intercessor: Hear the cries of those who are hungry, homeless, and suffering, those near and those far. Give those of us who consume most of the earth's resources the will to reorder our lives, so that all may have their rightful share of food, care, shelter, and fullness of life.

People: **Light of the world, be known to us.**

Intercessor: Look with compassion on all who suffer illness and distress, especially those we now name... Support them with your love and lead us to be healers for all we encounter, in the name of Christ.

People: **Light of the world, be known to us.**

Intercessor: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died, saints who bore witness to your light, especially those we now name... Allow us to persevere in faith, mercy, and love, and at the end of our lives to behold your glory.

People: **Light of the world, be known to us.**

Celebrant: O God, in your loving purpose, answer our prayers for your creation. By your grace, grant us the will and the wisdom to make this world new, and all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather together in search for wholeness, but our brokenness separates us from God and one another. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you and set you free from sin, strengthen you in goodness, and keep you in eternal life; 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

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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.

Receive our gifts, dear God, and accept in them the sacrifice of our selves.

In life and in death may we be an offering to you for ever.

We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God, by whose Word the heavens and the earth were formed. The power of your love sets aflame each created thing. And though earth's fires

will die, you keep the flame of love alive in us and call life out of death into the light that endures forever. Therefore with heaven and earth's host of light and with all who live in the Spirit, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

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.

On the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and having blessed it, 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 Jesus took wine, and having given thanks for it, 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.

Sanctify us with your Holy Spirit, O God, and sanctify this bread and this wine, that they may be the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and through them we may be made strong with the strength that only you supply. 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Warm and loving God, you invite us to your table;
Nourish us with the cup of life and the bread of heaven.
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

THE SHARING OF THE FEAST

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, in love you have called us to be your people and with love you have given us your very self; may this holy meal fill us with the flame of your love, that renewed and warmed in the comfort of your Holy Spirit, we may go forth into the world to serve your people; in your name: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. 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.

THE BLESSING

In darkness and in light, as we sleep and when we wake, in rest and in work, in sadness and in joy, may you be aware of God's holy presence and mindful of their faithful love. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world to share the love of God.

Thanks be to God.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Philip DeVaul
Reader..... Anny Stevens-Gleason
Intercessor Robin Henderson
Chalice Bearer Anny Stevens-Gleason
Altar GuildJulia Joyce, Pattie Kovach, Brian Weinewuth, Kelli Wisecup
Bread Guild.....Ryan Andrews
Celtic Guild..... Dave Howard

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YOUR NAME
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REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAMETAG - As we gather together for worship today it is important to wear your nametag to help us all remember names or just meet for the first time. Don't have a nametag yet? Sign-up for one in the narthex/lobby near the entrance to the chapel. It will be ready for you next Sunday in the nametag cabinet.

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Regarding the cover image: “The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.” ~ Matthew 23:11-12

Thomas Waterman Wood spent time during the Civil War and shortly thereafter in the upper South of Nashville, TN, and Kentucky. During his stay, he made a number of sketches of African-Americans, and upon his return to the Northeast, he developed these into insightful works of the life of the freed slave. This painting of an African-American domestic, a generation after emancipation, was one of several works on the theme of the American household in the boom times of the late 1880's and early 1890's, especially in the Northeast. Ironically, she is serving, serving in freedom, a paradox that engages the viewer



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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