



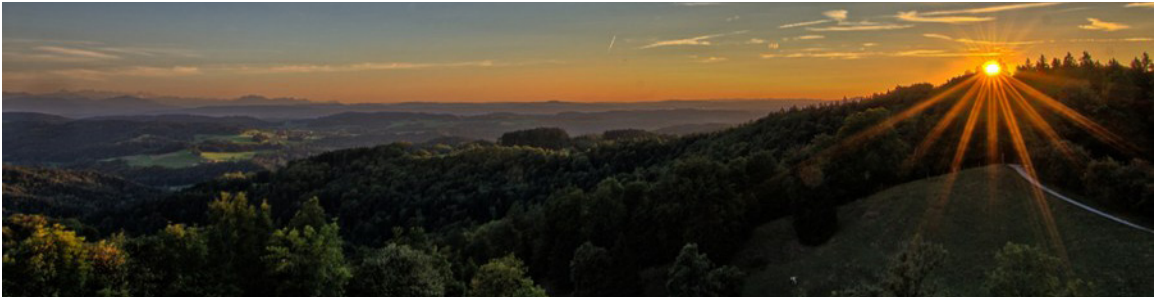
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist in the Celtic Tradition

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 | 5:00 PM

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



PRELUDE

Skye Boat Song

Sarah's Song

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*The People's response is in **bold**.*

OPENING WORDS

The God of love is with us.

The Spirit of love is in us.

Blessed is the Holy Spirit, the breath of God..

Let the winds and all creation praise you.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

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

God who breathed light into all creation.

We will light a light in the name of Christ

Jesus who taught of the love that flows in all.

We will light a light in the name of the Spirit

The Holy One, embracing us like the wind

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord of the four winds be with you
And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

God breathes life into creation.

Let us praise the God of all breath, of all creation!

O God, our Strength,

We praise you for your power.

O God, our Shield,

We praise you for your protection.

O God, our Comfort,

We praise you for your solace.

O God, our Inspiration,

We praise you for your renewal.

O God, our Life,

We praise you for your grace.

O God of all,

We praise you for your love.

Glory to the God of all! Glory forever! Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15–21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

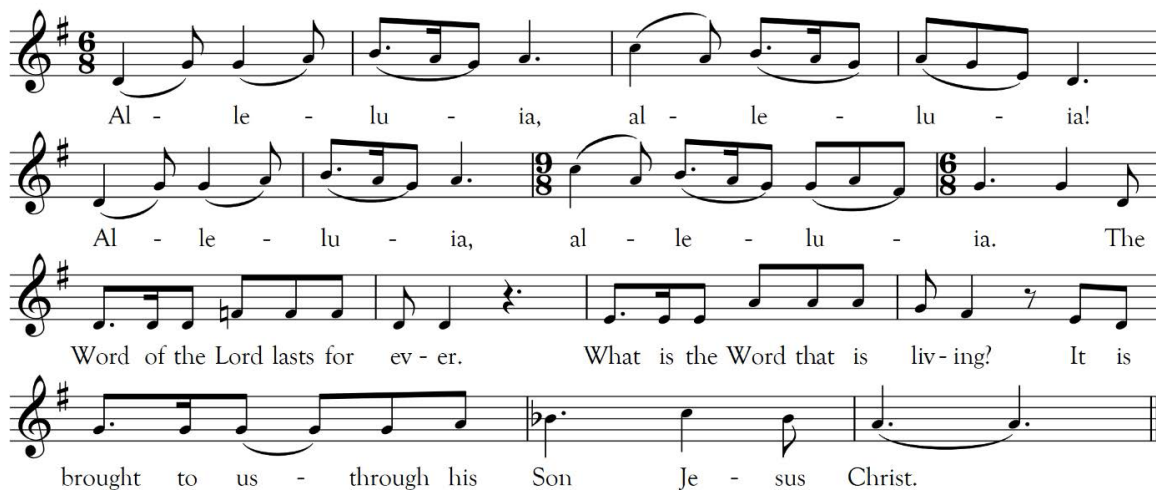
Psalms 103:8–13

- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

GOSPEL SONG

Celtic Alleluia

Only sung when a musician is present.



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 musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and melodic, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with an exclamation mark. The second staff ends with a period. The third staff ends with a period. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21–35

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

A pause for silent reflection immediately follows the sermon.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: We now pray for the needs of all people throughout the world,
remembering that we are God's people and the hand of love on earth.
Let us pray.

Intercessor: Blessed are you, O God, for your life giving breath at the heart of creation
from which all joy and gladness came forth;

People: **For the breath of life; for the heavens and earth, and all things molded
from the dust.**

Intercessor: As we give thanks for the gift of this life and for the comfort we receive in
your holy presence, we pray for those places in our world and our lives
where there is no joy or comfort;

People: **For communities in ruins and war-torn people and nations; for those held
captive physically or emotionally;**

Intercessor: For those who are weary or weakened by troubles;
The People may add their own petitions.
For the departed and those who mourn.
The People may add their own petitions.
We ask your comfort and your holy presence, Lord,
People: **For all people, for our loved ones and for ourselves.**
Intercessor: We pray to you, O Holy Spirit, that we may know your love within us and in the world, and that our lives may be a witness to that love and to your glory.
Celebrant: May God guide us with wisdom, help us with mercy, bless us with grace, and empower us with love, for the sake of Jesus Christ.
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

MacPherson's Farewell

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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.

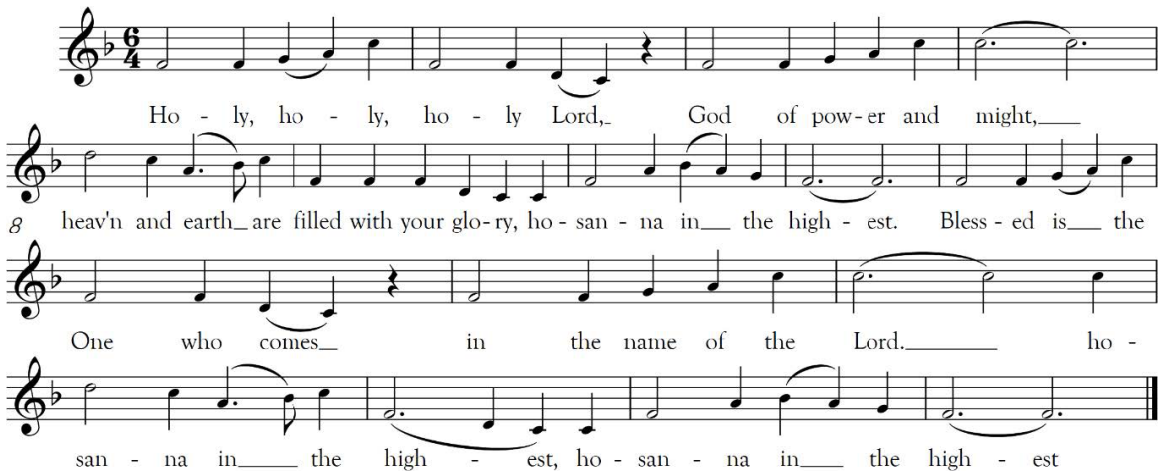
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:



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

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

The Bread of heaven is broken for the life of the world.
The Cup of love is shared with all who seek God. Amen.
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

THE SHARING OF THE FEAST

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ashokan Farewell

CLOSING PRAYER

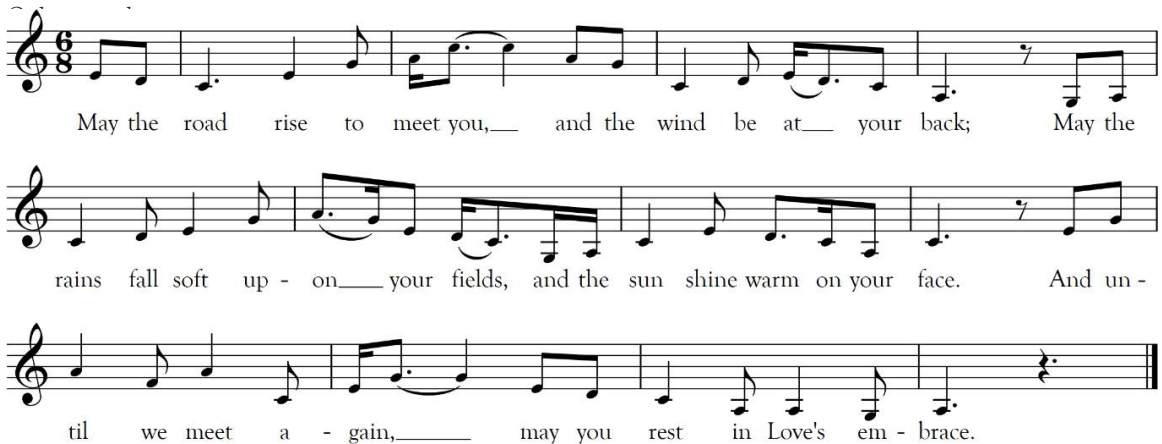
Let us pray.

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.

CELTIC BENEDICATION



May the road rise to meet you, and the wind be at your back; May the
rains fall soft upon your fields, and the sun shine warm on your face. And un -
til we meet again, may you rest in Love's embrace.

THE BLESSING

The power and peace of the Presence protect you.

The grace and goodness of the saints inspire you.

The good and gracious God go with you
and keep you always.

And the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be with you now and for ever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind

Only sung when a musician is present.

CHORUS:



Spi - rit of God, un - seen as the wind, gen - tle as is the dove:



teach us the truth and help us be-lieve, show us the Sav - viour's love!

VERSES:



1. You spoke to us long, long a - go, gave us the writ - ten word;—

2. With-out your help we fail our Lord, we can - not live his way;—



we read it still, need-ing its truth, through it God's voice is heard..

we need your pow'r, we need your strength, fol - low-ing Christ each day.—

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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The FLOWERS that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Coley by her choir and MEAC Ministry buddies, the Darlings.



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YOUR NAME
Here

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

CALENDAR

Look for more details at redeemer-cincy.org/connect/event-directory/

Church of the Redeemer offers a variety of worship, education, and fellowship events for all ages. A quick glance at our Events Page provides a look at both our recurring opportunities, as well as those special events we have throughout the year. You can access the church Events Page on our website



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PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer!

We love the sounds of children in our service.

Here are some ideas to keep them engaged:

RELAX

*It's okay for kids to be kids. we offer coloring pages, worship bags,
and books they can use during the service.*

SIT CLOSE

Consider sitting up front where it's easier for kids to see

EXPLAIN

Kids are curious! Explain what's happening in the service.

PARICIPATE

*Kids learn by mimicking what you do. So sing, prayer, respond,
etc. and kids will follow your lead.*

WANDER

*It's okay to move around. Sometimes it's easier to let figdety
kids wander.*

NEED TO LEAVE?

*No problem! There are spaces to take a break.
Kids need that sometimes. Come back when you are ready!*

ASK

Questions or need help? Just ask our ushers

JESUS SAID

"Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to



VISION STATEMENT

We have a vision of a worshiping 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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