



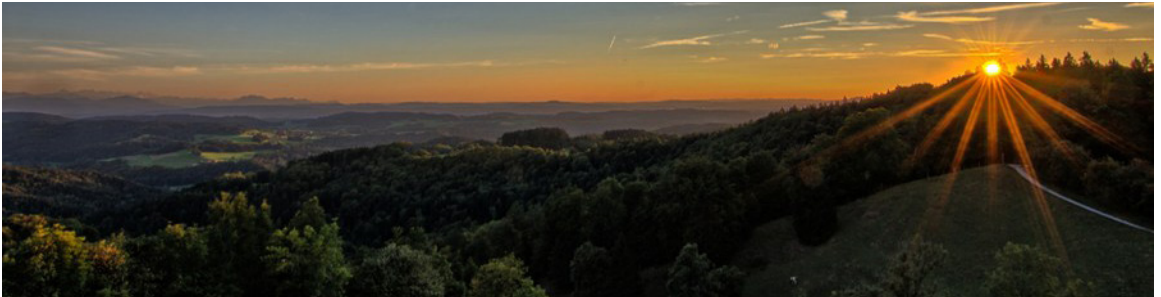
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

THE FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Holy Eucharist in the Celtic Tradition

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



OPENING VOLUNTARY

IRISH ROVER

ASHGROVE

*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.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

CANTICLE OF CREATURES

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord
Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honour, and all blessing,
To you alone, Most High, do they belong,
And no human is worthy to mention your name.

Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures,
Especially Sir Brother Sun
Who is the day and through whom You give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor;
And bears a likeness of You, Most High One.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
In heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
Through whom You light the night,
And he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth,
Who sustains and governs us,
And who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love,
And bear infirmity and tribulation.
Blessed are those who endure in peace
For by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,
From whom no one living can escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin.

Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will,
For the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks
and serve Him with great humility.

A PRAYER FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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

JOB 39:1–18

‘Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?

Do you observe the calving of the deer?

Can you number the months that they fulfil,

and do you know the time when they give birth,

when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,

and are delivered of their young?

Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;

they go forth, and do not return to them.

‘Who has let the wild ass go free?

Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,

to which I have given the steppe for its home,

the salt land for its dwelling-place?

It scorns the tumult of the city;

it does not hear the shouts of the driver.

It ranges the mountains as its pasture,

and it searches after every green thing.

‘Is the wild ox willing to serve you?

Will it spend the night at your crib?

Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?
Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labour to it?
Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

‘The ostrich’s wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.
For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,
forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.
It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear;
because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.
When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider.

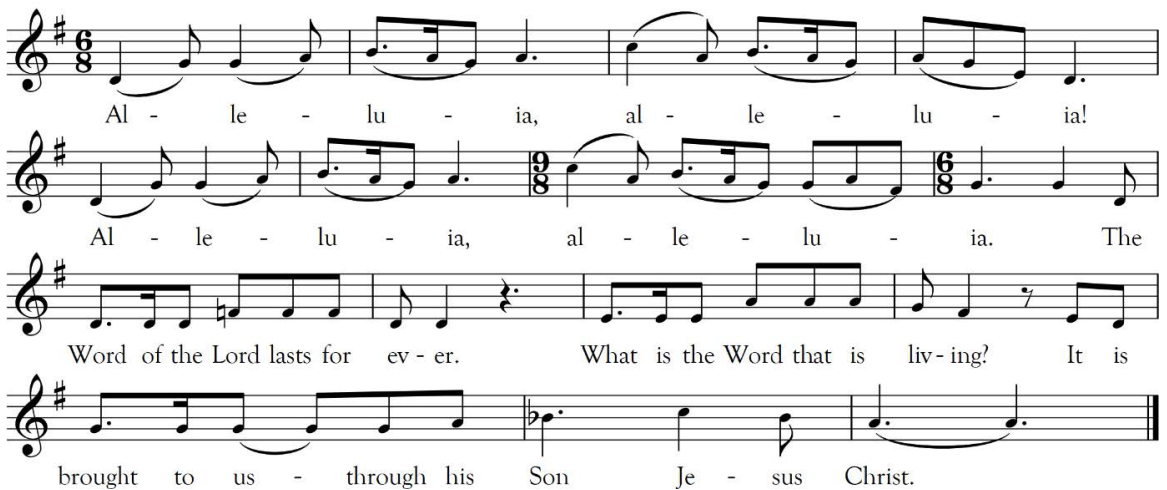
THE RESPONSE

PSALM 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

GOSPEL SONG

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 GOSPEL

LUKE 12:13-21

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

A pause for silent reflection immediately follows the homily.

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

<i>Celebrant:</i>	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.
<i>Intercessor:</i>	Blessed are you, O God, for your life giving breath at the heart of creation from which all joy and gladness came forth;
<i>People:</i>	For the breath of life; for the heavens and earth, and all things molded from the dust.
<i>Intercessor:</i>	...We pray for the Church and its unity
<i>People:</i>	For one heart and one soul; for one holy bond of truth and peace, faith and love, hope and justice.
<i>Intercessor:</i>	...We pray for those places in our world and our lives where there is no joy or comfort;
<i>People:</i>	For communities in ruins and war-torn people and nations; for those held captive physically or emotionally;
<i>Intercessor:</i>	For those who are weary or weakened by troubles, including ...

For the departed and those who mourn...
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.**

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

O Lord, who looks upon all creation and declares it to be very good: we thank you for the animals with whom we share this earth, and particularly those you have given into our care. Guard them, we pray. Tend to their necessities, relieve their suffering, and protect them from exploitation. Help us to see in them the beauty and glory of your creative hand. As you raised your servant, St. Francis, to declare the oneness of your work, help us to be instruments of your loving providence, that all creation may sing your praises. In God's name. **Amen.**

Here all animals present receive a blessing.

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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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 and the earth were formed. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Just as prophets long before Christ had spoken of the sufferings that would be his, so Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 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 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.

Bless us with your Holy Spirit, O God, and bless this bread and this wine, that through them we may be made strong again with the strength that only you supply. May our inner selves be nourished that in the outwards things of life we may follow the way of Christ and grow more in 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

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CLOSING PRAYER

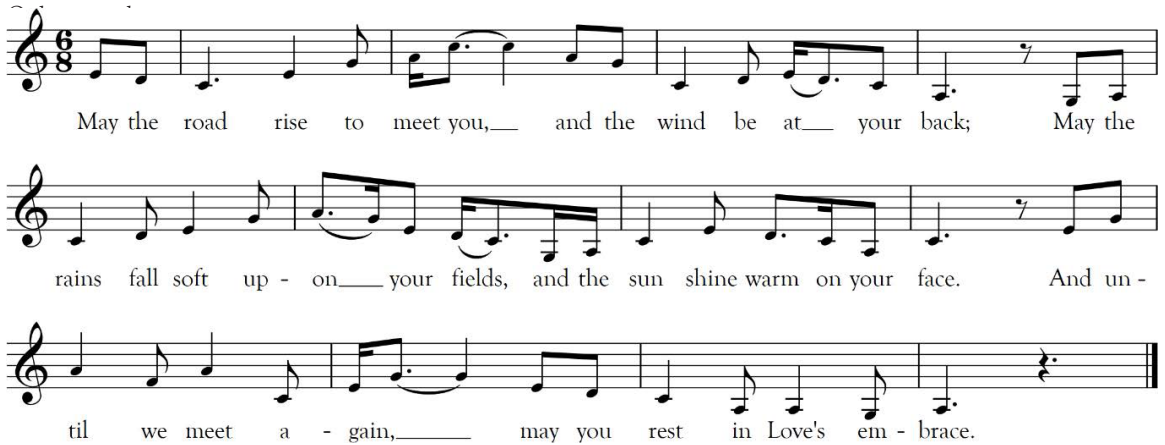
Let us pray.

O God, in love you have called us to be your people and in love you have given us this bread and wine; may this holy meal refresh us as a gentle and steady breeze, that renewed in your Holy Spirit, we may go forth into the world to serve your people; in the name of God, who is Love. 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.

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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.

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY



NEW TO CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER? - Ready to learn more about our ministries? Considering membership? Use the QR code at the left to join our Newcomer group and receive information about ministries, events, membership and access to our CoR App.

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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 cabinet.

CALENDAR

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

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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
such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."*

MATTHEW 19:14 NRSV



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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