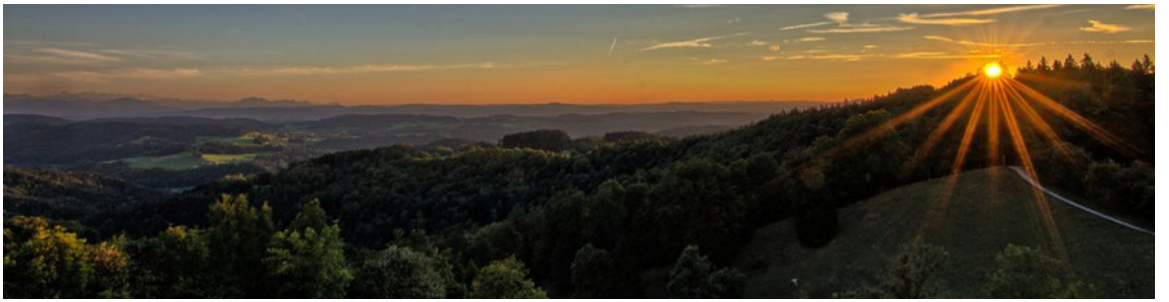
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist in the Celtic Tradition

NOVEMBER 15, 2026 | 5:00 PM

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



OPENING VOLUNTARY

BEACH SPRING

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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

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.

THE FIRST READING

ZEPHANIAH 1:7, 12–18

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;

in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.
Thanks be to God.

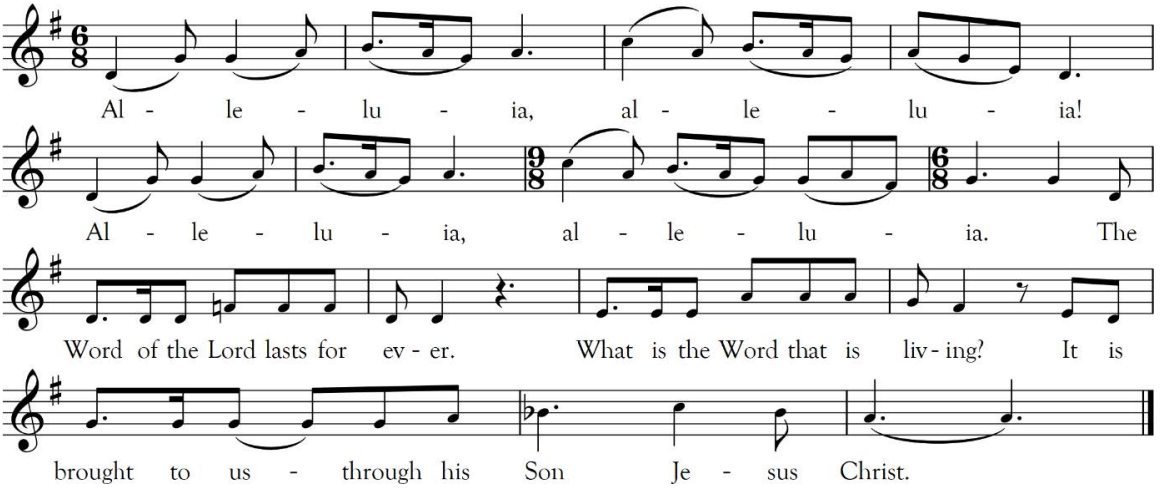
THE RESPONSE

PSALM 90:1–8, 12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

GOSPEL SONG

Spoken only when a musician is not present.



THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:14–30

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master

replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

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: ...We pray for the Church and its unity

People: **For one heart and one soul; for one holy bond of truth and peace, faith and love, hope and justice.**

Intercessor: ...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, 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.**

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

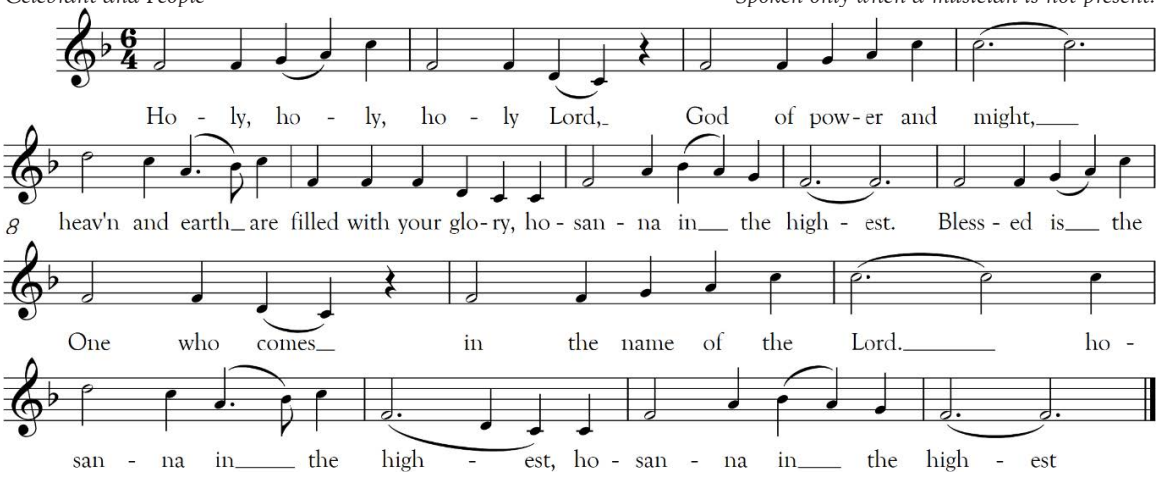
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God. You breathe into us your Spirit, and by the blowing of the gentle breeze, you remind us of the constancy of your loving presence. Your glory is in the breath of each created thing, and through your creation we see the holiness and wonder of your being. And so with all the hosts of heaven and earth, with the wind that howls and the gentle breeze that soothes, we join in the praises of your unending greatness:

Celebrant and People *Spoken only when a musician is not present.*



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.

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

BANKS OF INVERNESS

CLOSING PRAYER

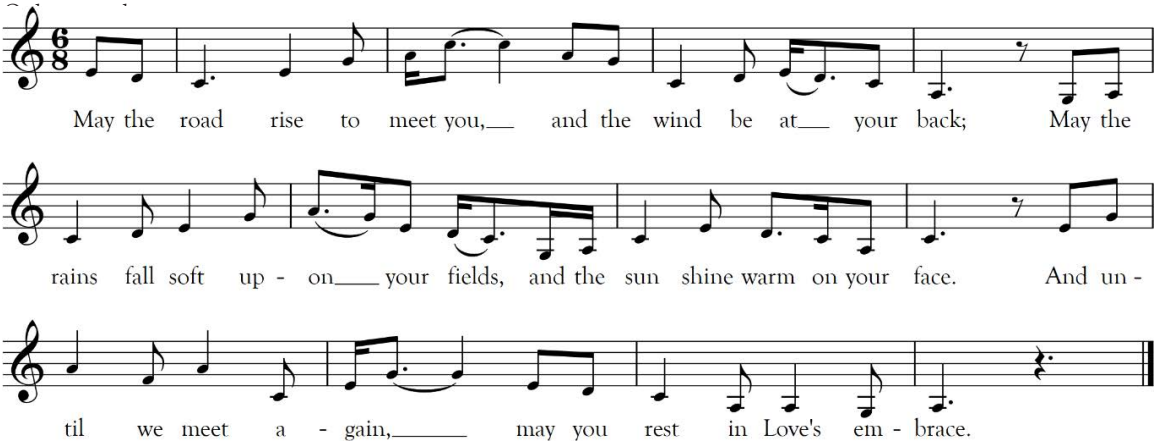
Let us pray.

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

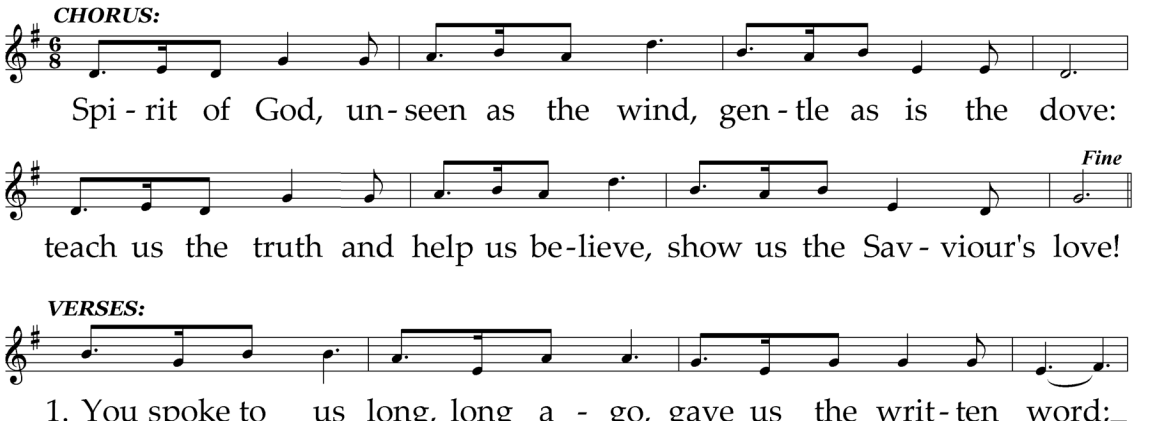


THE BLESSING

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 almight,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be with you now and for ever.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Only sung when a musician is present.



THE DISMISSAL

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

SHENANDOAH

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.

TODAY'S OFFERING - We encourage you to give your offering electronically to-day through our CoR App. (Search Redeemer Cincy in your app store.) Or you may choose to give online via our secure online system using the QR Code at right. There are also two collection spots in the narthex (look for the Give Here signs) where you may deposit your offering securely.



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/**

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 opportu-nities, as well as those special events we have throughout the year. You can access the church Events Page on our website under the Connect tab, on our CoR App using the Events button, and by using the QR code.

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PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Welcome to The Epsicopal 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 serivce.

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.

PARTICIPATE

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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