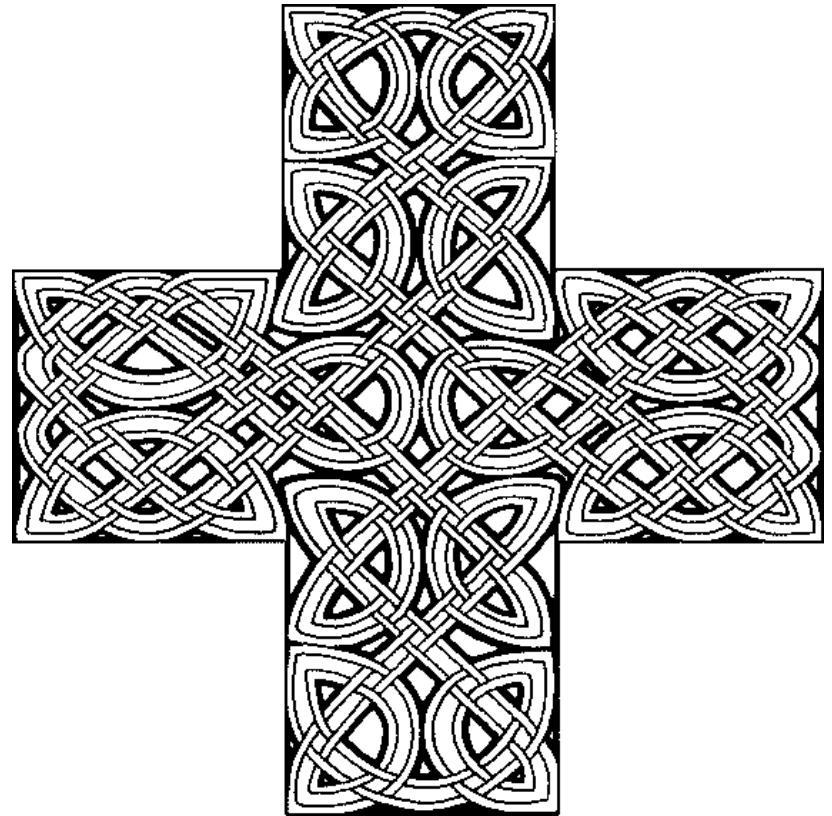


A CELTIC EUCCHARIST



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(Hymns for this service are found in the blue hymnal, save for the Gospel gradual hymn)

Entrance hymn: 580

Blessed are you in the heights and depths, O God
Let the winds and all that stirs life into motion praise you.

(The lighting of the three lights)

We will light a light in the Name of the Maker

Who created fire.

We will light a light in the Name of the Son

Who engulfs us in a blaze of love.

We will light a light in the Name of the Spirit

Who descends upon us like flaming tongues.

Almighty and eternal God, to you our hearts are open and our inmost desires known, We cannot hide our most intimate secrets from you. Be present at all times in our thoughts and hearts and purify them with your Holy Spirit, so that we may love you with the love of the Spirit and praise your Name with humanity and joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us join together to raise the God of all things.

Glory in my seeing

Women: **Glory in all my being**

Men: **Glory in all my speaking**

All: **Glory in all my seeking**

Celebrant: Glory in all my hearing

Women: **Glory in every appearing**

Men: **Glory in all my feeling**

All: **Glory in God's revealing**

***Processional Hymn 423, as we prepare to proceed
into the world***

The Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go into the world rejoicing.
It is Christ who goes before us.

People: **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

A Prayer of Thanksgiving after communion

As we have been fed at this table, let us go out to feed the hungry. As we have been set free, let us go out to set others free. As we have received, let us freely give. As we have heard, let us proclaim. As we have been forgiven, let us forgive.

And the blessings which we have received from the Creator, Son, and Spirit, go with us from this hallowed place.

The Blessing

May the everlasting God shield you, east and west and wherever you go, and the blessing of God be with you +

The blessing of the God of life.

The blessing of Christ be with you +

The blessing of the Christ of love.

The blessing of the Spirit be with you +

The blessing of the Spirit of grace.

The blessing of the Trinity be with you,
now and for evermore +

(the extinguishing of the three lights)

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 heart, and we pray that as we go about our work in the world, we will shine with the love of God. Amen.

Celebrant: Glory of the mighty Three

Women: **Glory entwining round me**

Men: **Glory in the opening day**

All: **Glory in the rocky way**

Celebrant: Glory in the morning light

Women: **Glory in the darkest night**

Men: **Glory there for beholding**

All: **Glory ever me enfolding**

Glory of God, hand above

Glory of Christ, heart of love

Glory of Spirit, covering dove

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture. May our hearts and minds be open.

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a

straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us read Psalm 126 (*in unison*)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, * "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, * like the watercourses of the Negev.

**Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high

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.

O God, whose generosity is unbounded and who wills that we should lack no good thing, BLESS THIS BREAD AND THIS WINE WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT (+) that in receiving them into ourselves we may be made whole again, strengthen us not merely to hear the truth, but to do it, and be blessed in our doing. Through Christ, by whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, world without end. AMEN.

(and all respond)

Bread of life, nourish our souls. Light of the world, shine in our hearts.

The Breaking of the Bread

Look! The Body of Christ is broken for the life of the world. Here is Christ coming to us in the Bread and in Wine. The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Communion (*all are welcome at the table of the Lord*)

THE PRAYER OF 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 thanks and praise.

We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God, who is Father of all life and of all sound. Though our days vanish like mist, the form and shape of things disappear like flowers in the field, and the sounds of the earth fade away in the distance, still your Spirit is within all life and every human soul is born in your likeness.

And so the whole created order, with the stars of the open skies and all that glistens with life's glory, with the wind that howls and the gentle breeze that soothes, with roaring of the waves and the gurgle of the brook, with heaven's messengers of light and with saints before and beside us, we join in the song of your unending greatness.

Blessed are you, O God, whose wisdom from above has inspired men and women through the ages to fulfill on earth your purposes, to hear the cry of the poor, to act with mercy and to live together in gentleness and peace. We bless you for the coming of the Christ, who, in life and in death embodied the law of love, and whose rising again and the gift of the Holy Spirit has implanted among us the hope that saves the soul from death and guides us in the conflict with evil that rages around within us.

It was in following the way of God's liberty that Jesus chose to offer his life in love. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and having blessed it, he broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "TAKE, EAT, THIS IS MY BODY

priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(Let us greet the Gospel of Christ by standing)

Gospel gradual music: Alleluia (familiar tune)

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

A Sermon or homily: The Rev. Walter Draeger

(An Affirmation of Faith)

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measures. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your Gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Please join me in offering your prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

Blessed are you, O God, for you have filled the temple of creation with the glory of life that glows.

We give thanks to you, Lord.

We bless you for the light of the sun and the moon and the stars, for the whiteness of mountain snow and the glistening of waters. **We give thanks to you, Lord.**

We give thanks for the goodness that grows from the ground, and from which health and wholeness come.

We give thanks to you, Lord.

In remembering with thanks the times and places of plenty and well-being in our lives, we stand also in prayer with those who are denied these things and ask that they not be forsaken in their time of trouble.

Do not forsake us, Lord.

Let the cry of the poor be heard, O God, in heaven and on earth; let the hungry be fed and the oppressed be set free.

Do not forsake us, Lord.

Let those in our community who are sick or suffering know healing in body and soul. *(silence-during which worshippers may now add their own silently or aloud)* O God of all peace.

Do not forsake us, Lord.

Let nations at war cease their strife, neighbors in conflict stop their arguments, and loved ones for peace at home.

Do not forsake us, Lord, but grant us your peace. *(silence)*

Look, Lord, on your children, who love your Name and need your care. Let our hands bear your love to the world that all may know your peace. In Jesus name we pray. **Amen.**

The Peace

God makes peace within us.

Let us claim it.

God makes peace between us.

Let us share it.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

(Announcements, as necessary)

O Lord, our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory hymn: 488

(As our gifts are presented, the congregation stands and sings all of the verses of Hymn 380 in the blue hymnal)