

Christ Episcopal Church

CELTIC WORSHIP

November 19, 2017

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 5 p.m.



**Disciples making Disciples for Jesus Christ:
By Encountering God, Equipping God's People,
and Extending God's Kingdom**

WELCOME GUESTS!

Christ Episcopal Church is a Christ-centered, joy-filled community that is blessed by your presence. Be assured that no matter who you are or where you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here.

Please observe a period of silence to center yourself before worship.)

PRELUDE

Andante from Sonata in G
Annabel Mendoza, *piano*

Ludwig van Beethoven

CALL TO WORSHIP

begun by the ringing of the Tibetan Singing bowl, standing

Celebrant Jesus said: I am the light of the world.
People **Your light drives out the dark.**
Celebrant I am the way, the truth, the life.
People **Your way has brought true hope.**
Celebrant I am the resurrection and the life.
People **You broke the power of death.**
Celebrant I am the bread of life.
People **You feed and fill the hungry.**
Celebrant I am the true vine.
People **Your life becomes our life.**
Celebrant I am the good shepherd.
People **You guide and lead us on.**
Celebrant Let us recollect the presence of the Risen Christ with us now.
Silence *(Celtic Worship Through the Year, p. 5)*

The musical score is written on seven staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: 'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, and when we find our - selves in the place just right, 'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light. When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

Words: Shaker song, 18th cent. Music: *Simple Gifts*, Shaker melody; acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922) Copyright ©1984, Margaret W. Mealy. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

THE PRAYER FOR EVENING

Celebrant God dwells in you.

People **And also in you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Christ, our love and encircler, each day and each night, each light and each dark, be near us, uphold us, our treasure and our truth. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

A READING FROM COLOSSIANS

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers~ all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SILENCE FOR TWO MINUTES

begun and ended by the ringing of the Tibetan Singing bowl

REFLECTION OF THE DAY

Anthony de Mello, One Minute Wisdom

One of the disconcerting – and delightful – teachings of the Abba was: “God is closer to sinners than to saints.” This is how he explained it:

God in heaven holds each person by a string. When you sin, you cut the string. Then God ties it up again, making a knot—and thereby bringing you a little closer to Him. Again and again your sins cut the string—and with each further knot God keeps drawing you closer and closer.

SILENCE FOR TWO MINUTES

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A THANKSGIVING LITANY

Celebrant Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

People **God's love is everlasting.**

Celebrant Come, let us praise God joyfully.

People **Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**

Celebrant For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;

People **We thank you, Lord God.**

Celebrant For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

People **We thank you, Lord God.**

Celebrant For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

People **We thank you, Lord God.**

Celebrant For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love;

People **We thank you, Lord God.**

Celebrant For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures;

People **We thank you, Lord God.**

Celebrant For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies;

People **We thank you, Lord God.**

Celebrant For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values; for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows;

People **We thank you, Lord God.**

Celebrant For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing;

People **We thank you, Lord God.**

Celebrant For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger;

People **We thank you, Lord God.**

Celebrant For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord;

People **We praise you, Lord God.**

Celebrant For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

People **We praise you, Lord God.**

Celebrant Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him;

People **We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.**

Celebrant Give thanks to the Lord, who is good. God's love is everlasting.

The celebrant offers a concluding collect

(from "The Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer" publ. Westminster/John Knox Press 1993)

RESPONSE WLP "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" *sung multiple times by all, standing*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful". It is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a-fraid. Lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near!". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. There is a fermata over the final chord of the second system.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC MEDITATION “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” by George J. Elvey,
Arr. By C. Duncan

Marlene Whittemore, *flute* and Larry Arnold, *piano*

Collection plates are not passed through the congregation at this service. For your offerings, collections plates are located at each entrance of the church. We appreciate your generosity in supporting the mission and ministries of Christ Episcopal Church. The parish is supported primarily by its parishioners and friends.

OFFERTORY HYMN WLP 831 “Ubi Caritas” sung by all, standing

Descant

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

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Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

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Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, standing from All Saints' Church, Pasadena, CA

Celebrant God dwells in you.
People **And also in you.**
Celebrant Come to the table with thankful hearts.
People **We open our hearts to God and to one another.**

Creative God, source of all life, you are the vibrant energy dancing at the center of the universe! Through us you move, and through us you are made known to the world. Co-creators with you, we are emboldened to move beyond ourselves, to find the courage to let go of old ways and welcome new life.

And so, in concert with those of every generation who have been touched by your redeeming love, we lift our praise to you:

THE SANCTUS, LEVAS 256

sung by all, standing

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant Holy God, known and beyond all knowing, in your image you created us, giving the earth into our care. In our arrogance, we lost touch with the breath of God within us, with the divinity of the creation, growing blind to its beauty and deaf to its harmonies. But through Christ, born of Mary, your deep abiding love reclaimed us and realigned us with you.

On that evening in an upper room, with friends around him, Jesus blessed the bread, broke it, and shared it with all who gathered: This bread is my body, an offering of God's love for all. When you eat it, remember me. Taking the cup of wine, he blessed it and shared it with all who gathered: This wine is my blood, God's promise of new life for all. When you drink it, remember me.

God, in the memory of Jesus who healed people and washed his disciples' feet, who loved children and honored outcasts, who fed people and turned water into wine, who died and rose to new and unending life, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine, making them the Body and Blood of Christ.

People and Celebrant **Breathe through us, God,
that our bodies, minds, souls, and spirits
may be filled with your life-giving presence.
Make us again a holy people,
strongly bound to you,
firmly rooted in the earth,
with eyes to see all life as sacred.
Empower us to spread the light of Christ
in our wondrous and confusing world. AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant We are one bread, one body.

People **We will love one another as Christ loves us.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for you, the People of God. Come and meet the Risen Lord.

AT COMMUNION

All who desire to receive the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ are welcome. Receive the Bread (wafer) in the palm of your outstretched hands. (Gluten-free wafers are available; tell the Celebrant if you prefer one.) The Blood of Christ is available in Wine or non-alcoholic Grape Juice (in the crystal chalice).

You can drink from the chalice as it is extended to you, or touch the wafer lightly to the Wine or Juice. If you do not wish to receive Communion, please come forward to receive God's blessing. You may indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over the chest.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”
Lawrell Arnold, *piano*

Thomas J. Williams,
Arr. By Larry Shackley

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

said by all, standing

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, great Creator,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May this new night of rest repair the wear of time,
restore your vision of a deeper light,
heal the wounds of disappointments, and restore youth of heart
for the adventure that awaits you tomorrow. **Amen.**

(Celtic resources from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Richmond, VA)

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant The Lord has made a promise to love you faithfully forever.
Go out with joy and be led forth with Peace.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"All Through the Night" Traditional; arr. By Philip Kern
Marlene Whittemore, *flute* and Larry Arnold, *piano*

You are welcome to remain in church.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE NEXT CELTIC WORSHIP SERVICE
(3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH).

CHRIST CHURCH WILL HOLD A "BLUE CHRISTMAS" SERVICE, ACKNOWLEDGING PERSONAL
LOSSES AND FOCUSING ON GOD'S COMPASSION AND THE HOPE THE CHRISTMAS STORY OFFERS.
ALL ARE WELCOME ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 5 PM

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Celebrant: The Reverend Thomas E. Mathews Jr.

Flute and Soprano: Marlene Whittemore

Piano: Annabel Mendoza and Larry Arnold