

Christ Episcopal Church

CELTIC WORSHIP

May 19, 2019

Organ Recital & 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.

AN OFFERING OF MUSIC: ORGAN WORKS OF JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

William K. Trafka, Director of Music and Organist, Christ Church, Ridgewood, NJ

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor ("The Arnstadt"), BWV 549

Chorale Prelude: "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott," BWV 720

Concerto in D Minor (after Vivaldi), BWV 596
IV. Vivace

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541

Chorale Prelude: "Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot," (Clavierübung, Part III) BWV 678

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 546

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CALL TO WORSHIP

begun by the ringing of the Tibetan Singing bowl, standing

Leader The sun rises daily because you, O Lord, command it:

All **Its splendor will not last, created gods all perish.**

Leader Christ the true Sun nothing can destroy:

All **The Splendor of God, he shall reign for ever.**

Leader Let us pray.

Leader O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

PREPARATION HYMN 25:

“O gracious Light”

The Eighth Tune

sung by all

THE PRAYER FOR EVENING

Leader I arise today through a mighty strength, the strong name of the Trinity.

All **I arise today through the strength of Christ in His incarnation.**

Leader The strength of Christ in His baptism and His death on the Cross for my salvation;

All **His bursting from the burial tomb, His riding up the heavenly way;**

Leader Through the strength of His descent to the dead and His coming at the day of doom;

All **I arise today through God’s strength to pilot me.**

Leader His might to uphold me, His wisdom to guide me, His ear to listen to my need.

All **God’s shield to protect me, His host to secure me, alone or in a crowd.**

Leader We offer to you, Lord, the troubles of this day; we lay down our burdens at your feet. Forgive us our sins, give us your peace, and help us to receive your Word.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

John 13: 31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

The Intercessor and People pray responsively

Leader We give you thanks, O Lord, that you are always present, in all things, each day and each night. We give you thanks for your gifts of creation, life and friendship. We give you thanks for the particular blessings of this day....

INTERCESSIONS

Leader Lord, give us grace to turn adversity into advance for you...
Lord, give us willingness to go anywhere for you...
Lord, give us winsomeness to woo a rising generation for you....

Lord, give us boldness to confront the seats of evil for you...

Lord, give us faithfulness, to surmount disappointments for you...

Lord, give us imagination to communicate the Truth for you...

Lord, give us holiness to conquer the corroding invasion of worldly charms.

We bring before you, Lord, the sighing of the prisoners, the sorrows of the bereaved, the needs of those who are hostile, the failing powers of the old.

The Eternal Father, the eternal Spirit, the eternal Word, shield you on every side, protect you from every evil, and bring you to the land of Promise.

All Amen.

RESPONSE:

“Spirit of the Living God”

Daniel Iverson

While we sing, you are welcome to come forward and light a candle for a prayer intention.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Spirit of the Living God". It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me, Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me." The first system has a yellow highlight under the word "Liv" in the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

Stanza 2:

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on us,
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on us.
Melt us, mold us, Fill us, use us.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on us.

THE CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord, I will not conceal my wrongdoings. *Silence.*

Leader From all that is false and flirts with evil:

All **Good Lord, deliver us.** (*pause*)

Leader From the love of riches and from greed and envy:

All **Good Lord, deliver us.** (*pause*)

Leader From insensitive words and from discord and strife:

All **Good Lord, deliver us.** (*pause*)

Leader From manipulation and abuse of others:

All **Good Lord, deliver us.** (*pause*)

Silence.

Leader Through Christ, God has put away your sin: approach your God in peace.

(*Celtic Worship Through the Year*, p. 146)

THE PEACE

Leader The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Collection plates are circulated through the congregation at this service. Living generously is a major part of discipleship, and we thank you for giving back to God through the parish ministry of Christ Church.

OFFERTORY HYMN 455: "O love of God, how strong and true"

*Dunedin
sung by all, standing*

*The financial offering is brought forward during the **final** stanza of the hymn.*

COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVE

Leader God dwells in you.

People **And also in you.**

Leader Come to the table with thankful hearts.

People **We open our hearts to God and to one another.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All 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 for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Leader We are one bread, one body.

People We will love one another as Christ loves us.

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

AT COMMUNION

All who wish to receive Jesus in the sacrament of his Body and Blood are invited to do so. Receive the Bread (wafer) in the palm of your outstretched hands. Receive the Wine, which follows, either by drinking from the chalice as it is extended to you, or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine.

If you would prefer a blessing instead of communion, please come to the altar at the same time. You may indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over the chest. When you return to your seats, please take a few moments to reflect on the gifts you have received.

COMMUNION HYMN 325:

“Let us break bread together”

Let us break bread

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

all standing

Leader Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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 his 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.

EASTER BLESSING

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the Everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

CONCLUDING HYMN:

“God be with you ’til we meet again”

Randolph

Unison *Harmony*

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; by wise coun - sels
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; 'neath bright wings pro -
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's pe - rils
 4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with the sheep se - cure - ly fold you:
 tect - ing hide you, dail - y man - na still pro - vide you:
 thick con - found you, put strong arms un - fail - ing round you:
 float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - 'ning wave be - fore you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN:

“With peace and joy I now depart,” BWV 616
 (From the “Little Organ Book”)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Join us in the Guilds Room for a reception.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Celebrant: The Reverend Thomas E. Mathews, Jr.

Organ and Piano: William K. Trafka

**THIS IS OUR LAST CELTIC WORSHIP UNTIL SEPTEMBER.
(3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH).**

Sunday, June 2

First visit from Bishop Carlye visits Christ Church, combined worship at 9:30 A.M.

Sunday, June 9

Youth Sunday & Recognition Sunday.

Parish Picnic after the 10:00 A.M. service

Vacation Bible School—August 12-16

“The Prodigal Clown” from 9:00 A.M. to 12 noon

Go to our website for more information! (Registration opens soon)

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