



HOLY WISDOM CELTIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY - LITURGY OF THE MASS
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 29, 2021

Kindling of the Altar Light

Blessed are you, O God, Creator of the Universe,

At your word energy bursts for into existence and comes to us as light.

You create day and night, You roll away the light before the darkness,

And the darkness before the light; You make the day to pass,

And the night to approach and divide the day from the night.

Blessed are you, O God, for you bring on the evening twilight and the light of dawn. You are the eternal light, shining beyond the heavens, radiant sun, illuming all regions above, below, across. Your light is strong, your love is near.

Greeting

Welcome in the name of the Three in One, Mother/Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Opening Prayer & Invocation

Almighty and ancient God, you are ever present and you are our light. It is through you and with you that we are many lights within your brilliant creation. You call us to be faithful disciples, warmed by the fire of your Holy Spirit. You call on us to be loving and forgiving as Holy Wisdom sheds her light on us with an everlasting flame. We have come together as a community to welcome your Spirit and to praise you for the many

and varied gifts your people hold within themselves; gifts that, as within a circle, come back to you and your church. Come, O Christ and stand in our midst as you stood in the midst of your first disciples and speak to us words of peace.

You are love, you are light, you are wisdom.

This beautiful day may all be welcome in the name of the Three in One.

Call to Repentance

As we share this celebration, let us confess all in us that prevents true communion: the times when we have lost our way, the wounding times when we have caused division, the cold times of our love. So may we find peace with each other, peace with the world, and peace with God.

Confession

O Gracious God, we have looked away from you, and looked to ourselves. We confess all in us that separates us from you, from each other and from the world. In faith we turn to you, that we may grow in love, be generous in forgiveness and welcome the healing and wholeness which you offer.

Absolution

Great Spirit of compassion, you accept and welcome us as we are, with our light and our shadow. Yet, You also call us to fullness of life in You. May we know the forgiveness that frees us, the courage that owns our responsibilities, the truth that releases us from ignorance, and the love that heals.

Amen.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our transgressions and bring us to everlasting life.

Celtic Kyrie

Jesus our Anamchara, have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Lord, our High King, have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Jesus our Druid, have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest.

And peace to God's people on earth. Gracious God, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Creator, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of God, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Creator. Amen.



Liturgy of the Word

Come, God of the poor, Come, light of our hearts, Come Voice of the silence,
Come generous Spirit.

By the glory of your creation around us, by the comfort of your presence within us, by the wind of your Spirit in this place, Inspire and renew us, so that we come glad to this celebration.

Reading 1. Our first reading is from the book of Deuteronomy (4:1-2, 6-8)

Moses told the people, "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the Most High, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. In your observance of the commandments of the Most High, your God, which I am giving you, you will not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. Observe them carefully, for thus will give you evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'Surely this is a wise and intelligent people.' For what other great

nation has a god so near to it as Our God is to us when we call? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are just as the whole Law which I am setting before you this day?"

This is God's Holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm. Our Responsorial Psalm is Psalm 13

Response: O God, who has the right to enter your tent? Those who always do what is right.

R: O God, who has the right to enter your tent? Those who always do what is right.

Those whose way of life is blameless/who always do what is right

Who speak the truth from their heart/whose tongue is not used for slander.

R: O God, who has the right to enter your tent? Those who always do what is right.

Who do no wrong to friends, /cast no discredit on neighbors,

Who look with contempt on the reprobate/but honor those who fear You.

R: O God, who has the right to enter your tent? Those who always do what is right.

Who do not ask interest on loans, /and cannot be bribed to exploit the innocent. If they do this, /nothing can ever shake them.

R: O God, who has the right to enter your tent? Those who always do what is right.

Reading 2. Our second reading is from the letter of James. (1:17-18, 21-22, 27)

Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit comes from above, descending from the Creator of the heavenly luminaries, who cannot change and is never in shadow. God willingly gave birth to us with a word spoken in truth, so that we may be, as it were, the first fruits of God's creatures. Humbly welcome the word which has been planted in you because it has power to save you. But act on this word – because if all you do is listen to it, you are deceiving yourselves. Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of Our God, the Creator is this: coming to the aid of widows and orphans when they need it and keeping oneself uncontaminated by this world.

This is God's Holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia. **Alleluia, Alleluia.** Let us keep God's commandments as we honor one another.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel. The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The teachings of Jesus Christ as recorded by Mark, (7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

Glory to You, O Lord.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus. They had noticed that some of the disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without ritually washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jewish people in general, follow the tradition of their ancestors and never eat without washing their arms as far as to the elbow. Moreover, they never eat anything from the market without first sprinkling it. There are many other traditions which have been handed down to them, such as the washing of cups and pots and dishes. So, these Pharisees and scribes asked Jesus, "Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of our ancestors but eat their food with unclean hands?" Jesus answered, "How accurately Isaiah prophesized about you hypocrites when he wrote, 'These people honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from Me. The worship they offer Me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.' You disregard God's commandments and cling to human traditions.'" Jesus summoned the crowd and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and try to understand. Nothing that enters us from the outside makes us impure; it is what comes out of us that makes us impure. If you have ears to hear, hear this." He went on, "It is what comes out of us that makes us unclean. For it is from within, from our hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evils come from within and render us impure."

This is the Gospel of the Risen Christ. **Glory and Praise to our Savior Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Profession of Faith

Let us profess our faith. We believe and trust:

In one God, the Almighty, maker of the earth and the cosmos, of all that is visible and invisible, known and unimaginable. That the Lord, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of God, is one in being with Abba, and that through Christ all things were made. That for the salvation of us all, He came down from Heaven and that by the power of the Holy Spirit, he was born of the virgin Mary and became human flesh. That Jesus was crucified for our sake and that under Pontius Pilate, He suffered, died and was buried, rising three days later as promised in the Holy Scriptures. That Jesus ascended into Heaven and is seated at God's right hand, ready to return in glory. He will judge the living and the dead, and God's reign will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the giver of life and inspiration of the prophets, who comes forth from the Mother/Father, and with the Mother/Father and the Son, She is worshiped and glorified. We believe in one universal apostolic Church, that one baptism brings us to new life in Christ. We believe in the promised resurrection of the dead and our eternal life in the New Jerusalem. Amen.

General Intercessions

As we are open to the light of the Spirit, let us go where our hearts calls us, that we may offer prayers for blessings needed and give thanks for blessings received. Let the prayers of your people rise like incense to heaven.

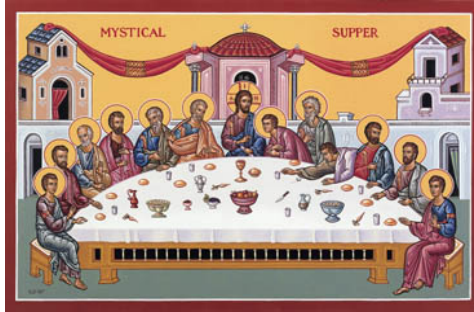
After each intention: **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

After the spoken prayers, a moment of silence for the unspoken prayers in our hearts.

We praise and thank you for the abundance of your grace, looking to the gathering together of us all in the fullness of the Love of Christ. **Amen.**

Rite of Peace

Jesus told us that before we offer our gifts at the altar, we should make peace with our brothers and sisters. With Christ as the author of all peace, let us offer a sign of Christ's peace to each other.



Liturgy of the Eucharist/Mystical Supper

By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbly chose to share in our humanity. We move water within this wine, and they shall move as one.

We offer thanks and praise to you, Living God. With hearts lifted high, in the communion of your love, you come close to us and we come close to you.

Baruch atah Adonai elohenu Melech haolam, ha-motzi lechem min ha-aretz, boreh pri hagaffen.

Blessed are you God of all creation. Through your goodness we have the harvest of the fields and fruit of the vine to offer, which earth has given, and human hands have made into bread and wine. They will become for us our spiritual food and drink.

Blessed may we be, as we offer ourselves to you, that you be glorified in us and your life renew the world.

Living God

Giver of all holiness, source of all love, fountain of all wisdom, You dry our tears and turn our pain to joy.

You enter the empty places of our hearts and bring your light into our darkness. You take the broken pieces of our lives and restore us to a new creation.

You bring order out of chaos saving us by love; the love shown by the cross, the love which carries us from death to resurrection. You are the fullness of our being. You are the mystery of our salvation. You are the goal of our existence.

With St. Michael and all the holy angels of light who protect us, and with the whole company of heaven, with your blessed ones who have gone before us, and those who shall come after,

We sing to you.

With brothers and sisters, east and west, and with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us. With visible and invisible elements that pulse with life, we join our souls in the song that vibrates throughout the whole of creation:

Holy, Holy, Holy God, God of power, God of might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are those who come in the name of the Most High God. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Now we pray for the gift of yourself. Let your Spirit come upon this bread and wine that they may be for us and all creation, The Bread of Heaven +, the Blood of Christ +, to feed us with your holy presence and unite us in yourself.

Jesus broke the bread and gave it to his friends, saying,

Take this all of you and eat it; this is my body which will be given up to you.

Jesus passed the cup to his friends, saying,

Take this, all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant, shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven.

Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me.

Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

As we celebrate these holy mysteries, may we and all for whom we pray be open to the glory of your presence, the beauty of your song and the healing power of your love. For without you, we are as nothing and our lives are empty and dead.

By the power of this holy sacrament turn us, that we turn to you, revive us, that we live your life on earth, inspire us, that we proclaim your glory in thankfulness and praise now and forever.

Abba, remember those who take part in this offering. Remember +Joe, our late founding Bishop, Bishops +Cait and +Katherine and clergy and those in formation everywhere.

Remember those here present, and all your people, and all who seek you with a sincere heart. Remember those who have died in the peace of Christ and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Remember our friends and loved ones who have passed through the veil. In Baptism they died with Christ, may they also share in Christ's resurrection.

Loving God, we call you Father but you are also the fountain of Motherhood. Female and Male you created us, in your own image and likeness. May all people come to know that in you, there is no male or female, no distinction of race, class, or color; for we are all one in Your Son.

Here we gather with creation's elements all around us, with earth, air, fire and water still expanding through the universe, with the glory of the sun, the whiteness of the moon, the glittering of heaven's lights off flowing waters.

Doxology

Through Christ, with Christ in Christ.

In the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught us to call God our Abba, our loving parent. With confidence, let us pray to God in the way Jesus taught us as recorded by Matthew and Luke:

Our Abba in heaven, holy is your name. May your reign come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today the bread of tomorrow and forgive us our shortcomings, as we also forgive those who fail us. Don't let us be put to the test and free us from evil.

Free us, O God from every evil and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Holy God

Holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God

You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Lamb of God

Grant us your peace.

May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it. Gracious God, we pray that your angel may take this sacrifice to your altar in heaven, to you, the Eternal High Priest.

The life of Christ is offered for the life of the world. This is the gift of God for the people of God.

Jesus, you make us worthy to welcome and receive you. You give us the gifts that make us whole.

Come you holy ones, receive the body and blood of Christ. He gives heavenly bread to the hungry and water from the living spring. May the Body of Christ heal us, sustain us, and bring us to everlasting life. May we be healed by the blood of Christ.

Prayer After Communion

In thankfulness, let us offer praise.

The gifts of the universe have been given to us, the gift of the presence of God.

The gifts of life have been given to us, the gift of the love of God.

So may we and all creation give of ourselves, that life may be complete, and we may enter the fellowship which is both human and divine, temporal and eternal.

May we go forward on our journey is the strength of the Spirit, and as we have shared heavenly things, so may we find heaven in earthly things, as we offer ourselves to God and to each other.

Blessing

Let us ask for God's blessings:

Deep peace of the running wave to you, Deep peace of the flowing air to you, Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you, Deep peace of the Prince of Peace to you.

May the strength of God guide us this day, May God's power preserve us, may the Holy Wisdom of God instruct us.

May the eye of God watch over us, the ear of God hear us, the Word of God give gentleness to our speech. May the hand of God defend us.

May we follow the way of God this day and always, and may the Great Creating Spirit give birth to healings and visions that have never been before. **Amen.**

And may Abba our Creator, Jesus our Liberator and the Spirit who is Holy bless you and keep you, now and forever. **Amen**

Dismissal

Our celebration has ended. Let us go in peace and love to serve God and one another.

Thanks be to God!

