

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles (Sit)

Greeting (Sit)

P: The grace of the great God be upon you.

C: The grace of the Virgin Mary's Son be upon you.

### Invocation (Sit or Kneel)

P: God of the universe, listen to our prayers. Bend your ear to us. Let our supplications and prayers ascend to you. In the name of the one eternal God; Father, Son (+), and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### The Asperges (Sit or Kneel)

**Receiving the aspergill, the Priest makes the sign of the Cross over himself with it, saying:**

P: May the Lord purify me that I may worthily perform His service.

*Sprinkling the altar in the middle, then the chancel to his left and to his right, he continues:*

P: In the strength of the Lord do I repel all evil from this His holy altar and sanctuary, Turning to the people and sprinkling them with the same motion:

P: And from this house wherein we worship him;

*Turning back to the altar and resigning the aspergill:*

P: And I pray our heavenly Father that He will send His holy angel to build for us a spiritual temple through which His strength and blessing may be poured forth upon His people; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

### Lorica Sancti Patritii (Stand)

**Deacon:** I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity,

C: By invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

**Deacon:** I bind this day to me forever, by power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;

C: His baptism in the River Jordan;

**Deacon:** His death on the Cross for my salvation;

C: His bursting from the spiced tomb;

**Deacon:** His riding up the heavenly way;

C: His coming at the day of doom.

**Deacon:** : I bind unto myself the power of the great love of the Cherubim;

C: The sweet "Well done" in judgment hour;

**Deacon:** The service of the Seraphim;

C: Confessor's faith, Apostles' word;

**Deacon:** The Patriarchs' prayers, the Prophets' scrolls;

C: All good deeds done unto the Lord.

**Deacon:** I bind unto myself today the virtues of the starlit heaven;

C: The glorious sun's life-giving ray;

**Deacon:** The whiteness of the moon at even;

C: The flashing of the lightning free;

**Deacon:** The whirling wind's tempestuous shocks;

C: The stable earth; the deep salt sea.

**Deacon:** I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead;

C: His eye to watch, His might to stay;

**Deacon:** The wisdom of my God to teach;

C: His hand to guide, His shield to ward;

**Deacon:** The Word of God to give me speech;

C: His heavenly host to be my guard;  
**Deacon:** Against the demon snares of sin;  
C: The natural lusts that war within;  
**Deacon:** The hostile men than mar my course;  
C: Few or many, far or nigh;  
**Deacon:** In every place and in all hours;  
C: Against their fierce hostility.  
**Deacon:** I bind to me these holy powers against all Satan's spells and wiles;  
C: Against false words of heresy;  
**Deacon:** Against the knowledge that defiles;  
C: Against the heart's idolatry;  
**Deacon:** Against the wizard's evil craft;  
C: Against the death-wound and the burning;  
**Deacon:** The choking wave and poisoned shaft;  
C: Protect me, Christ, til thy returning.  
**Deacon:** Christ be with me, Christ within me;  
C: Christ behind me, Christ before me;  
**Deacon:** Christ beside me, Christ to win me;  
C: Christ to comfort and restore me;  
**Deacon:** Christ beneath me, Christ above me;  
C: Christ in quiet, Christ in danger;  
**Deacon:** Christ in hearts of all that love me;  
C: Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.  
**Deacon:** I bind unto myself the strong name of the Trinity;  
C: By invocation of the same; the Three in One, and One in Three;  
**Deacon:** Of whom all nature hath creation;.  
C: Eternal Father, Word (+), and Spirit.  
**Deacon:** Praise to the Lord of my salvation.  
C: Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

### **Collect of Purity (Sit or Kneel)**

**P:** Enkindle, we beseech You, O Lord, the light of our understanding, and pour love into our hearts, that we may be able to worthily love, serve, and worship You.

C: Amen.

### **Call to Repentance (Sit or Kneel)**

**P:** As we draw near to the peace of atonement, may we see the wonder of God's presence, may we see the wasting of God's people, and may we see the wounding of God's Son.

C: Amen.

### **Kyrie (Sit or Kneel)**

**Christ, my Druid. Have mercy on me.**  
**Jesus, my Druid. Have mercy on me.**  
**Christ, my Druid. Have mercy on me.**

### **General Confession (Sit or Kneel)**

**BISHOP:** Heavenly Father; we are the race that helped make the cross on which Your Son was crucified. We are the race that helped make the nails which pierced His body. We are the race that continues to betray Him. Lord, have mercy and hear us when we pray.

**ALL:** I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own most grievous fault, in my thought, word and deeds, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved God with all my heart and I have not loved my neighbor as myself. In that I have broken one of the least of the Commandments I have broken the entire Law. For all my sins I am

truly sorry and I humbly repent. Lord, have mercy on me and forgive me my sins for the sake of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

**BISHOP:** As a called and ordained priest of Christ's Church and on His authority I declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, through His atoning death and glorious resurrection; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** Amen.

### **Collect of the Day (Sit or Kneel)**

**BISHOP:** Holy One, we come together before You, a broken and scattered remnant. Gather us in this holy Communion of Saints, and give us the Grace to serve within this Body of Christ that we may always hear Your voice and recognize You in one another.

All: Amen.

### **Prophetic Lesson (Sit) JOSHUA 24:14-25**

You must fear the Lord and serve him with sincerity and fidelity. Put aside the gods that your fathers served on the other side of the river and in Egypt. Serve the Lord. If it seems wrong to you to serve the Lord, then today you must choose whom you will serve, whether it be the gods that your fathers served on the other side of the river, or the gods of the Amorites who dwell in the land. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

The people said, "God forbid that we should abandon the Lord to serve other gods. It was the Lord, our God, who brought us and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, the land of our bondage. He performed great wonders in our sight. He preserved us all along the journey that we made, and among all the people through whom we passed. The Lord drove out all the people before us, even the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God, he will not forgive your sins or your transgressions. If you turn away from the Lord to serve foreign gods, then he will turn away from you. He will punish you and wipe you out, even after the good that he has done for you."

The people said to Joshua, "No! We will serve the Lord." Then Joshua said to the people, "You will serve as your own witnesses that you have chosen to serve the Lord." They answered, "We are witnesses." He continued, "Then put away the foreign gods from among you. Bend your heart to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "We will serve the Lord, our God, and obey his voice." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day.

The Word of God!

All: Thanks be to God.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Resp: Serve the Lord with gladness!**

1 Acclaim the Lord with joy, all the earth; Serve the Lord with gladness;  
enter His presence with songs of joy.

**Resp: Serve the Lord with gladness!**

2 Proclaim that the Lord is God. He made us and we belong to Him.  
We are His people, the flock He shepherds.

**Resp: Serve the Lord with gladness!**

4 Offer thanksgiving as you enter His gates; sing hymns of praise as you approach His courts.

**Resp:** Serve the Lord with gladness!

5 Give thanks to Him and bless His name, for the Lord is good.  
His kindness endures forever, and His faithfulness is constant to all generations.

**Resp:** Serve the Lord with gladness!

### **Apostolic Lesson (Sit)**

#### **A reading from Acts of Apostles 6:1-6**

Now in these days, as the disciples were increasing *in number*, a complaint arose by the *Greek-speaking Jews* against the *Hebraic Jews* because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of *food*. So the twelve summoned the community of disciples *and* said, "It is not desirable *that* we neglect the word of God to serve tables. So, brothers, select from among you seven men of *good reputation*, full of the Spirit and wisdom, whom we will put in charge of this need. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the statement pleased the whole group, and they chose Stephen (a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit), and Philip, and **Pro** cho rus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus (a convert from Antioch), whom they stood before the apostles. And they prayed and placed their hands on them.

THE WORD OF GOD!

**ALL:** THANKS BE TO GOD!

### **The Gradual (Stand)**

**BISHOP:** He that loves wisdom, loves life.

**ALL:** And they that seek her early shall be filled with joy.

**BISHOP:** Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.

**ALL:** And I shall keep it unto the end.

### **Munda Cor Meum (Stand)**

*The Priest stands before the altar and says:*

**BISHOP:** I weave a silence into my mind. I weave a silence onto my lips. I weave a silence within my heart. I close my ears to confusion. I close my eyes to enticements. I close my heart to temptations. Calm me, my Savior, as you stilled the storm. Comfort me, my Redeemer, keep me from destruction. Let all turmoil within me cease. Enfold me, Lord Christ, with your peace.

*The Priest then kneels before the altar and the following prayer:*

**BISHOP:** Cleanse my heart and my lips, O God, who by the hand of your angel cleansed the lips of the prophet Isaiah with a burning coal from your altar and in your loving kindness so purify me that I may worthily proclaim your Holy Gospel; through Christ our Lord. **ALL:** Amen.

**BISHOP:** May the Lord be in my heart (+) and on my lips (+), that through my heart the love of God may shine forth and through my lips His power be made manifest. **ALL:** Amen.

### **Alleluia Verse**

**BISHOP:** Alleluia! Alleluia! **ALL:** R. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**BISHOP:** Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, because you know that he will reward you for whatever good you do.

**BISHOP:** Alleluia! Alleluia! **ALL:** R. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **The Holy Gospel (Stand)**

**BISHOP:** A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to LUKE 18:9-14

**ALL:** Glory be to You, O Lord!

He also told the following parable to some people who prided themselves about their own righteousness and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and said this prayer to himself: 'I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and pay tithes on all my income.'

"The tax collector, however, stood some distance away and would not even raise his eyes to heaven. Rather, he kept beating his breast as he said, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' This man, I tell you, returned to his home justified, whereas the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

## **Homily**

### **PROFESSION OF VOWS, Laurie Harrington**

**"Ubi Caritas"**

<https://open.spotify.com/track/6eLaS7q4W2jXOq1QIEweUP?si=VTy4vWMPSJWdiG409cGQFQ>

**Bp Cáit:** As we continue now, let us call upon our friends, the saints whom we honor today, to be present here with us as we witness together the commitments of three of our community.

## **The Litany of Victory (Stand)**

We call upon the saints to join us as we dedicate 3 women to further service in the Body of Christ.

**Lector:** May the saints be with you.

**Congregation:** And also with you.

**Lector:** With Mary, who first raised the Body of Christ,

C: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With Joseph, loving husband and devoted father of Jesus,

C: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. Michael, protector against all evil,

C: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. John the Evangelist who soars like an eagle,

C: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. Andrew, Apostle, martyr, and Patron of Scotland,

C: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With the Fathers and Mothers of the Desert who were weaned from selfishness,

C: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. Ninian of the shining household of faith,

C: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. Brendan the navigator of spiritual pilgrimage,

C: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. David, flame and faith-builder of Wales,

C: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. Patrick, slave of Christ and Apostle of the Irish,  
C: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. Brigid, mid-wife of faith to the people,  
C: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. Kentigern, faithful pilgrim and founder of communities,  
C: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. Columba, Christ's giant of the Holy Isles, and Dove of the Church,  
C: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. Aidan, gentle shepherd and apostle of England,  
C: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. Ita, foster-mother of all the Celtic saints,  
C: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. Morgan, father of Celtic theology and martyr of the intellect,  
C: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. Columbanus, preacher, teacher and example of piety,  
C: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. Ciarán, friend of God's creatures,  
C: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. Declan, prince and healer of disease,  
C: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. Colman, defender of the Faith,  
All: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. Francis of Assisi, brother to all God's creatures,  
All: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. Dominic, preacher of God's word,  
All: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. Catherine of Siena, proponent of Church unity,  
All: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. Pio of Pietrelcina, holy soul friend,  
All: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With St. Catherine of Dublin, merciful mother to the poor,  
All: We claim the victory of the Lord.

**Lector:** With all our patron saints, our soul friends and companionship,  
All: We claim the victory of the Lord.

## LITURGY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

(All be seated)

### Calling of those to be professed

**OMC:** The Lord calls you by name and sustains you by the power and strength of his love. He makes known to you His Word and makes you more and more sensitive His saving presence within you, and within events. He asks you to live in communion with others, to be his Merciful Heart in this world.

**Sr Peggy Chambers calls Laurie forward: LAURIE HARRINGTON**

Laurie: Here I am, Lord. (In her own language)

**BP. Cáit:** What do you ask of God and of the Church?

Laurie: In response to God's loving mercy and trusting in God's fidelity, I ask to commit my life to God forever, to live a life of mercy at home and in service to the Church.

**BP. Cáit:** May God who has begun this work in you, bring it to completion on the day of Jesus Christ.

All : Amen.

### Examination (Congregation seated)

**BP. Cáit:** Through baptism you have already died to sin and have been consecrated to God in the Risen Christ. Do you desire to live this consecration more profoundly through perpetual profession in the Order of the Merciful Christ?

Laurie: Yes, I do.

**BP. Cáit:** Do you desire to live your life as Jesus did, in surrender to God's will by the vow of obedience, in freedom from material possessions by the vow of poverty, to give yourself totally to God and to God's people, in love, by the vow of chastity as lived within your holy marriage, and to a life of merciful love of all creation?

Laurie: Yes, I do.

**BP. Cáit:** Do you desire to be transformed by the Spirit to live in union and conformity with the Merciful Heart of Jesus according to the charism of the Order of the Merciful Christ?

Laurie: Yes, I do.

**BP. Cáit:** As a woman vowed to mercy, do you desire to proclaim God's love, through compassion, communion and reconciliation within all your relationships?

Laurie: Yes, I do.

**BP. Cáit:** May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! To him be glory now and forever.

All : Amen.

**BP. Cáit:** Dear friends in Christ, let us pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ who gives us everything that is good. May the Lord strengthen this woman and make her steadfast in holiness to the glory of God.

**BP. Cáit:** Lord, have mercy.      **ALL:** Lord, have mercy.  
**BP. Cáit:** Christ, have mercy.      **ALL:** Christ, have mercy.  
**BP. Cáit:** Lord, have mercy.      **ALL:** Lord, have mercy.

**BP. Cáit:** Loving God, grant the prayers of your people. Prepare the heart of your servant for consecration to your service. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, purify her from all sin and set her on fire with your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
All : Amen.

***Profession of Vows: The candidate rises and pronounces their perpetual vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.***

### **SOLEMN PROFESSION OF VOWS**

Drawn by God's merciful love, inspired by god's infinite compassion displayed in the act of creation and the unending love lavished upon all creatures, particularly through the Incarnation of Christ, I come before my God today with the desire to respond to this love and return it. That I may grow closer to my God and those creatures who are my brothers and sisters, I dedicated myself entirely to a life of mercy for the love of God.

In my attempt to live the Gospel life to my fullest potential, with God's Grace,

I vow Poverty so that all that I am and all that I own will be used for Love of God. I will look upon all I have as on loan to me to be used for good and not for greed. I will be a faithful steward of all I have and always remember the poor, giving not only from my bounty but also from my want.

I vow Chastity body and soul. My entire physical and spiritual life I give to the service of Love, that none but Love be my Master, and that I be not attached to anything but God Who is Love, and see Love clearly in all created reflections.

I vow Obedience to God alone, seeking only God's will in all that I think or say or do, seeking only God's will for my life, so that I will not focus on my own self-centered desires, but on God's will which is always Charity.

I vow Mercy toward all creation, reflecting God's Own Love of all things. As Jesus Christ is the Merciful Reconciler of all, I will at all times try to see with Christ's eyes, listen with Christ's ears, speak with Christ's mouth, soothe with Christ's touch, and love with Christ's heart.

With the strength of the Holy Spirit, I commit myself to this life perpetually, and to the building up of this Order of the Merciful Christ, living by its Rule and Constitutions, for the love of God and creation, for the salvation of souls, and for God's Own glory.

As I make these vows today, November 1, 2025, the ancient Celtic holy season of Samhain, in the presence of Mother Cait Finnegan, Rev. Sister Margaret Chambers, Rev. Maura Bernard and all my ancestors, may I be purified and blessed with a fertile soul receptive to the seeds of God's Grace.  
Amen.

- **Receiving the insignia:** They are given the external signs of their new state in life, such as a ring, veil, or other items particular to their order.

## **DIACONAL ORDINATION**

### **HYMN: "THESE ARE ENOUGH"**

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### **Presentation of the Candidate**

***Presenters escort the Ordinand and all stand before Bp. Cait.***

**Presenter:** Most Reverend Catherine Grenier, Bishop in the Church of Christ, on behalf of the members of the Celtic Christian Church, I present to you Margaret Ó Connor to be ordained Deacon in Christ's holy, apostolic, catholic, and orthodox Church.

**Bishop C:** Do you all believe that the manner of her life and her dedication to Christ and to His Body the Church make her suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

**Presenters (individually)** I certify to you that I believe her to be qualified for this Holy Order.

### **BC: (To the ordinand...)**

Will you be loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ as the Christian Church has received them? And will you obey the legitimate superior who may have authority over you and your work?

**Ordinand:** I am willing and ready to do so; and I solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, that the Nicene Creed is the accurate summation of the Faith delivered by Christ to the Apostles, that the seven Ecumenical Councils of the undivided Church were guided by the Holy Spirit, and that the Holy Scripture, the Nicene Creed, and the Ecumenical Councils contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Celtic Christian Church.

### ***Please stand...***

**BC:** Dear Friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry. You also know our sister, Margaret Ó Connor. Tell me:

Do you believe she is willing and able to serve people who are poor, weak, sick, lonely?

**Presenters:** I do.

**BC:** Do you believe that she bases her life on the Holy Scriptures?

**Presenters:** I do.

**BC:** Do you believe that she is willing and able to make Christ's love known to you and others through her work and example?

**Presenters:** I do.

**BC:(Bishop addresses the congregation...)** If any of you know any impediment or crime because of which we should not proceed, come forward now and make it known.

**BC:** Is it your will that this Aspirant be ordained a Deacon?

**ALL:** It is.

**BC:** Will you uphold her in her ministry?

**ALL:** We will.

**Presenters and All are seated except the ordinand who stands before the Bishop**

**The Bishop addresses the ordinand...**

**BC:** My sister, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood directly under your legitimate superior.

In the name of Jesus Christ you are to serve all people, particularly those who are poor, weak, sick, and those who are lonely.

As a deacon in the Church, you are to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model your life upon them.

You are to make Christ and His redemptive love known, by your work and example, to those among whom you live, work and worship.

You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world.

You are to assist the Bishop and Priests in public worship and in the ministration of God's Word and Sacraments, and to carry out other duties assigned to you from time to time.

At all times, your life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving those who are helpless they are serving Christ himself.

My sister, do you believe that you are truly called by God and God's Church to the life and work of a Deacon?

**Ordinand:** I believe I am so called.

**BC:** Do you now, in the presence of the Church, commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

**Ordinand:** I do.

**BC:** Will you be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop?

**Ordinand:** I will.

**BC:** Will you be faithful to prayer, and in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures?

**Ordinand:** I will.

**BC:** Will you look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve those in need as a friend of the soul?

**Ordinand:** I will.

**BC:** Will you do your best to pattern your life and that of your family, household, and community in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all people?

**Ordinand:** I will.

**BC:** Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

**Ordinand:** I will.

**BC:** May the Most High God's grace uphold you in the service God now lays upon you.

**Ordinand:** Amen.

*The congregation is now invited to come forward in prayer for the laying on of hands upon the ordinand to offer a blessing on her ministries.*

*All stand except the ordinand who kneels facing the Bishop. Bishop is seated.*

*All pray silently, then...*

**BC:** O God, Most Merciful, we praise You for sending Your Son Jesus Christ, Who took upon Himself the form of a servant, and humbled Himself, becoming obedient even to death on the Cross. We praise You that You have highly exalted Him, and made Him Lord of all; and that through Him, we know that whoever would be great must be servant of all. We praise You, for the many ministries in Your Church, and for calling this Your servant to the order of Deacons.

*The Bishop lays hands upon the head of the ordinand , and then prays...*

**BC:** Therefore, Most High God, through Jesus Christ Your Son, give Your Holy Spirit to Margaret. Fill her with grace and power, and make her a Deacon in Your Church.

*The Bishop then touches her crozier to the shoulder of the ordinand and...*

**BC:** Make her, O God, modest and humble, strong and constant, to observe the discipline of Christ. Let her life and teachings so reflect Your commandments, that through them many may come to know You and love You. As Your Son came not to be served but to serve, may this Deacon share in Christ's service, and come to the unending glory of Him Who, with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever and ever. **ALL:** Amen

*The new Deacon is now vested. The Bishop vests the Deacon with stole which is placed over the left shoulder and fastened under the right elbow. She makes the sign of the Cross over the heart of the new Deacon and she prays...*

**BC:** Take this stole for a symbol of your office, remembering that it symbolizes Christ's life, death, and resurrection for the forgiveness of your sins and the power of the Holy Spirit to guide you in your Christian ministry. In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Deacon:** Amen

*The Bishop gives to the Deacon the Holy Scriptures/Book of the Gospels and prays...*

**BC:** Take the authority to read and proclaim the Gospel in the Church of God and to assist in the ministrations of the holy Sacraments. In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Deacon:** Amen

*The Bishop blesses the Deacon*

**BC:** O Christ, the Lord of Love, Who by the heavenly and earthly service of angels which You order, shed over all Your creation the efficacy of Your will; pour out on this Your servant, Margaret, the fullness of Your blessing (+) that, in the fellowship of the angels and the communion of saints whom we celebrate this day, she may minister worthily at Your holy altar, boldly and truthfully proclaiming Your Holy Gospel, and be endowed with heavenly virtue and grace; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** Amen

**BC:** Blessed be God the Most High, Son and Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

## INCARDINATION OF REV ALEXANDRA HONIGSBURG

**(Presentation of Alexandra by OSM members! Members walk her to Bishop.)**

**Bishop Cait to Presenters:** Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ, you have served Christ in the Celtic Christian Church for many years and you know the importance of our priestly ministry. You also know our sister, Alexandra. Tell me: Do you believe she is willing and able to serve as a priest of Jesus Christ in our community of Faith?

**Presenters:** We do.

**BC:** *(addresses the congregation...)*

If any of you know any impediment or crime because of which we should not proceed with formal incardination, come forward now and make it known.

**Laying on of hands: Bishop places her hands silently on Alexandra's head to confer the Holy Spirit. Other priests also lay on hands to show her a welcome, unity and collegiality.**

### Fáilte Abhaile / Welcome Home

**Bp C:** My Sister, I welcome you home, home to a spiritual family that recognizes your gifts and your willingness to use them to share the Good News of God's Love with all who cross your path. We give God thanks for calling you to priesthood in the holy Catholic Church and for guiding you to serve with us in our spiritual family. We bless you and support you as we renew the anointing of your hands.

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**Anointing of hands: The bishop anoints Alexandra's hands and the hands of all the priests with holy oil to symbolize that they renew their commitment, and their hands will be used to perform the sacraments, such as consecrating the bread and wine during Mass.**

**EPISCOPAL BLESSING given to Laurie, Peggy, and Alexandra, and to all present.**

**Bishop Cait:** May our Almighty God make you firm in Faith, innocent in the midst of evil, and wise in the pursuit of goodness. Amen.

May the Lord Jesus, Whom you follow, enable you to live out the mystery of His death and resurrection in your own lives. Amen.

May the fire of the Holy Spirit cleanse your hearts from all sin and set you on fire with Her love. Amen.

**May the almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless all of you who have taken part in this sacred celebration. Amen.**

### The Peace (Stand)

**Bishop to All:** Jesus Christ, the King of Tenderness, binds us with a bond of love that cannot be broken. My brothers and sisters, the peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

- **Kiss of peace:** The newly professed, newly ordained priest, and newly incardinated receive a kiss of peace from the bishop and other clergy present.
- **KISS OF PEACE exchanged by all.**

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

## The Prayers of the People (Sit)

**D:** Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

**D:** Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

**D:** Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

**D:** Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours (especially, ...) and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as He loved us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

**D:** Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (especially, ...); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

**D:** We commend to your mercy all who have died (especially, ...), that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all the saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

**D:** We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for the peace of the Holy Isles; that our divisions may cease, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and that all may be one through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## OPEN TO SPONTANEOUS PRAYER

### Nicene Creed (Stand)

**ALL:** I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried, the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; he shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and Son is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead (+), and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Gloria Patri (Stand)

**BISHOP:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son (+), and to the Holy Spirit.

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### The Offertory (Sit)

**BISHOP:** From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same the Lord's name shall be magnified; and in every place incense shall be offered unto His name and a pure offering. There shall be heard in this place the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving into the house of the Lord.

### **The Doxology (Stand)**

**All:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**BISHOP:** We adore thee, O God, who are the Source of All Life and Goodness and with true and thankful hearts we offer unto you this sign of your own life-giving gifts bestowed upon us, you who are the giver of all.

#### ***BISHOP pours wine and a little water into the chalice saying:***

According to immemorial custom, we now mix water with this wine, praying, O Lord, that we may evermore abide in Christ and He in us.

#### ***She offers the chalice saying:***

**BC:** We offer unto you, O Lord, this chalice with joy and gladness; may the worship we offer ascend before your divine majesty as a sacrifice, pure and acceptable in your sight; through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

### ***Lavabo (Sit)***

**BC:** I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord: and so will I go to your altar. That I may show the voice of thanksgiving; and tell of all your wondrous works. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son (+), and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and forever shall be; world without end.

**All:** Amen.

**BC:** Lord, be with me in the breaking of the bread and in the offering of wine. Bless my body and soul for they are yours.

**All:** Amen.

### **Orate Fratres (Sit)**

**BC:** Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

**All:** May the Lord receive the sacrifice at your hands and sanctify our lives in His service.

**BC:** We lay before you, O Lord, these your creatures of bread and wine, in token of our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; for here we offer and present unto you ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a holy and continual sacrifice unto you, that we, who are very members incorporate in the mystical body of your Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people, may hear his most joyful voice: "Come unto me, O you that are blessed of my Father and possess the kingdom which is prepared for you from the beginning of the world," through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God throughout all ages of ages.

**All:** Amen.

### **Sursum Corda and Sanctus (Stand)**

**BC:** : The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**BC:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**BC:** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**All:** It is proper and right so to do.

**BC:** It is very proper, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PREFACE

**BC:** Creator God, we praise you for Your many gifts to us. Today we are especially thankful for the men and women who are models to us, examples of service to You and to humanity. By their example and intercession, may we learn to love You with our whole minds, hearts and souls and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

**BC:** Therefore, with angels and archangels, with the Holy Apostles, the Blessed Saints, and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying,

**All:** Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord most high. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

### Prayer of Consecration (Sit or Kneel) (Based on Celtic folk-prayers.)

**BC:** High King of the universe, who sustains the worlds, who brought forth the earth; You breathe wisdom into all your creatures, until we reflect Your love. In our pain and sorrow we cry to Your tender Lamb, slain before the foundation of the world, perfect sacrifice for our sins. Who in the night in which he was betrayed took bread into His holy and venerable hands. And after He had given thanks, He blessed it and broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying,

**"Take and eat of this all of you, for this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

In like manner he took the cup. And after He had given thanks, He blessed it and gave it to His disciples, saying, **"Take and drink of this all of you, for this is my blood, the blood of the new covenant which is shed for many for the remission of sins. As often as you do this, do it in remembrance of me."** For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

A: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**BC:** Therefore, Heavenly Father, with this bread and wine we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And we pray that you will send your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection, that these elements may become for us the Body (+) and Blood (+) of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Sit or Kneel)

P: And now we pray as our Savior taught us.

**The Priest elevates the host.**

C: Our Father, in heaven; holy be Your name. Your reign come; Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not put us to the test, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the reign, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Fracture and Agnus Dei (Sit or Kneel)

**The Priest breaks the host while it is elevated.**

**BC:** O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world;

C: Have mercy on us.

**BC:** You that take away the sins of the world;

C: Receive our prayer.

**BC:** You that sit on the right hand of God the Father;

A: Grant us your peace. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Communion Prayer (Sit or Kneel)

**ALL:** Lord grant me, I pray you in the name of Jesus Christ Your Son, my God, through the receiving of this Blessed Sacrament, that love which knows no fall, so that my lamp may feel His kindling touch and know no quenching, may burn for me, and may give light for others. O Lord Christ, who is present in the bread and wine, bless the path on which we tread and guide us in the way to your Kingdom. Amen.

**BC:** Lord Christ, our Savior most sweet, deign to kindle our lamps through communion with you, that they may shine continually in your temple, and receive perpetual light from you, the eternal Light, so that our darkness may be driven from us. May we become broken bread and poured out wine, abiding in you and you in us.

C: Amen.

### Holy Communion (Sit or Kneel)

**BC:** Risen Christ, we welcome you. You are the flowering bough of creation; from you cascades music like a million stars, truth to cleanse a myriad of souls. From you flee demons, omens and all ill will. Around you rejoice the angels of light. Father, send us the tender Spirit of the Lamb; feed us with the Bread of Heaven; refresh us with the Cup of Salvation.

**BC:** (The celebrant communes.) Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

C: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

### The Invitation (Sit or Kneel)

**BC:** Draw near with faith, and receive this Blessed Sacrament for your spiritual health and comfort. **P:** C: Amen.

## QUIET TIME FOR PERSONAL THANKSGIVING

### FINAL BLESSING

**Please Stand** Let us worship and give thanksgiving as a community and pray as one. Please make a circle and join hands.

### "PACHABEL'S CANON"

<https://open.spotify.com/track/6eLaS7q4W2jXOq1QIEweUP?si=VTy4vWMPSJWdiG409cGQFQ>

**BC:** Heaven is intertwined with earth.

**ALL:** We have taken the Divine Life into ourselves.

**BC:** And so each may say:

**ALL:** I rise up clothed in the strength of Christ. I am no longer imprisoned by sin. I shall not be harmed by evil. I go clothed in Christ's pure garments.

**BC:** By the task that we have done we bind our souls to You, our Triune God.

**All:** Father, Son (+), and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**BC:** Salvation is of the Lord! **All repeat:** Salvation is of the Lord!

**BC:** Salvation is of the Lord! **All repeat:** Salvation is of the Lord!

**BC:** Salvation is of the Christ! **All repeat:** Salvation is of the Christ!

**BC:** May the Lord bless you and keep you. May he make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May he lift up his countenance on you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: AMEN!**

## Blessing for the Servants of God

### Benediction

Beannacht Dé oraibh go léir — May the blessing of God be upon you all!

My dear friends in Christ,  
you who have heard the call and answered it with your lives —  
today we give thanks for your “yes.”  
You have chosen not the way of power,  
but the way of love and service.

May Christ, our Servant and our Shepherd,  
bless your hands for healing,  
your feet for walking in peace,  
your hearts for welcome,  
and your voices for praise.

May the Spirit who hovered over the waters of creation  
stir your souls with holy joy,  
so that wherever you go,  
you bring light into shadow,  
and song where there is sorrow.

May your ministry be a dance of grace —  
the rhythm of heaven made visible in the ordinary days of earth.

And as the saints of God surround us now  
may their laughter mingle with ours,  
and their light guide our steps  
into the great circle of Divine Joy.

So now, in the spirit of the saints,  
let us lift our hearts, take one another's hands,  
and dance our praise before the Lord!

**BISHOP:** Let your innermost being pray with the music. And if your body begins to respond to the music, let it, and keep the circle whole as we pray in joyful thanksgiving for all we have shared.

**Bishop:** Almighty Triune God, while the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Christ is within us, through the Holy Spirit, may we give Glory to you as we respond to this thanksgiving music."

All: Amen.

### Dismissal

**BISHOP:** DANCE IN JOY and in the PRESENCE of Christ. Our Offering is complete! Buíochas le Dia!

**ALL:** Thanks be to God! Amen!