



Celtic Meditations: Lent IV March 11, 2018

We are so happy you are here.

*We come from many places to be together for a little while.
Each of us brings our own experience and traditions to this gathering.*

So here in this place, let us take time together to encounter the holy.

Opening Musical Meditation

Laetare

Plainsong

Opening

God speaks to each of us as he makes us,
then walks with us silently out of the night.
These are the words we dimly hear:
You, sent out beyond your recall, go to the limits of your longing.
Embody me.
Flare up like a flame and make big shadows I can move in.
Let everything happen to you:
beauty and terror.
Just keep going.
No feeling is final.
Don't let yourself lose me.
Nearby is the country they call life.
You will know it by its seriousness.
Give me your hand.

- Rainer Maria Rilke - Book of Hours, I 59

Celebrant I confess to God, and in the presence of all God's people, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and I pray God to have mercy on me.

People **May God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from your sins, and give you time to amend your life.**

Celebrant Amen.

People **We confess to God, and in the presence of all God's people, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and we pray God almighty to have mercy on us.**

Celebrant May God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from your sins, and give you time to amend your life.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Turn again, O God, and give us life

People **That your people may rejoice in you.**

Celebrant Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People **And renew a right spirit within me.**

Celebrant Give us the joy of your saving help again,

People **And sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.**

Evening Prayer

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

The Reading

John 3:14-21

Listen now to the Word of God.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Lector For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, and for the Word of God within us.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Silence

Reflection

Kathleen Tone

Two minutes of silence follows.

Music for Meditation

Danby

Celtic Tune

Prayers

Leader Christ in my mind

People **That I may see what is true.**

Leader Christ in my mouth

People **That I may speak with power.**

Leader Christ in my heart

People **That I may learn to be loved.**

Leader Christ in my hands

People **That I may work with tenderness.**

Leader Christ in my soul

People **That I may know my desire.**

Leader Christ in my arms

People **That I may reach without fear.**

Leader Christ in my face

People **That I may shine with God.**

Leader Let us now hold before God our neighbors who are in need, sickness, danger or despair.

Leader Jesus says, "Come to me you who are troubled and I will give you rest." So come, you who are broken in body or in spirit, you who are torn by relationships and doubt, you who feel deeply within yourselves the divisions of the world. Come, for Jesus invites us to bring our brokenness.

Light Prayers

From now until the end of the service, you are invited to come to the Lady Altar and light a candle and kneel at the rail for prayers.

The laying on of hands is also offered at the healing station near the door at the back of the Chapel.

Please feel free to move about as the Spirit leads you.

Music during Prayers

Servant Song

Celtic Tune

Hymn during Prayers #16

Jerusalem my happy home

New Celtic Tune

The Grace

May the Light of the world guide us, the Life of the world refresh us, and the Hope of the world be our companion, that we may be the reconciling power of Christ in the world. **Amen.**

The Peace

Leader Not an easy peace, not an insignificant peace, not a halfhearted peace, but the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts

People **We lift them to the Lord**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right to thank you and praise you, giver of life, beloved of the poor and forgotten. We praise you for the prophets who in spite of persecution spoke your challenging word. We praise you that in Christ you chose to be born in a stable and revealed to poor shepherds. We praise you for Mary, first witness of the resurrection; and for all the women and men who have been trusted and empowered by you. With all the unremembered, outcast, with the poor and needy, with the trusting and hopeful in all the ages we praise you saying:

Sanctus

Celebrant We praise you for Jesus Christ, born of peasant parents, friend of lepers and tax collectors, who chose a life given up for others. On the night before he died he shared a meal with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to them saying: "This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me." After supper he took a cup of wine, blessed it and gave it to them saying: "This is my life-blood poured out for you. Do this to remember me."

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Come now Holy Spirit of God. Come upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that in sharing this feast we may become the body of Christ. Break down walls of selfishness and fear and bring us all to the new age in which none go hungry and all are fed. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

The Invitation

Celebrant This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.
It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long,
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.
It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

Communion

*All are invited to come and feast at God's table.
You may receive the bread in your hand, and if you wish, drink from the cup.*

Concluding Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Concluding Hymn #3

Brothers, sisters, let us gladly

New Celtic Tune

Concluding Blessing

Celebrant May you recognize in your life the presence, power, and light of your soul.
May you learn to see yourself with the same delight, pride, and expectation
with which God sees you in every moment.
May the Triune God bless you and keep you this night and evermore. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Go out into the world in peace; have courage, hold on to what is good, return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor everyone, love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Concluding Meditation

Bendemeer's Stream

Celtic Tune

*May God's blessings be upon you and all whom you love.
Please leave quietly.*

Participants

Celebrant	The Reverend Deborah Phillips
Musicians	Eric Wagner, Debbie Phillips
Opening and Lesson	Joanne Moar
Reflection	Kathleen Tone
Prayers	Eric Wagner
Assisting at Communion	Deb Marchand
Greeter	Jane Stewart

Our Prayers are offered for

Gary Young, Kristen and Family, Barbara Hawlena, Helen Watson-Felt, Cindy Rhodes, Ronald Birchmore, Edna Ashton, Eugene and Gerry Lockard, Diane Rowand Burns, Rick Marks, Helen Harris, Fred and Ingrid Fox, Jim Kilroy, Grace I., Lange Family, Felton May, Tom Lemons, Kathleen Tone, Rufus and Florine Felder, Christopher Patzke, Amanda Lily, Kim Shaw, Leo Murphy, P. Dennis Family, Denise Fox and Family, Sara, Pettus Hickman, Bryon English, Ruby and Al Hill, Ayo Ogunbor, Jane and David Knight, Alexandra D., Gerry and Barbara Porter, Kathy Crotty, Giffy Russell, G. Oliver Papps, David Latinik, Helen Rice; Sr. Jane SFN, The Madden Family, David, Joe L'Heureux, George and Sue Erickson, Pauline Grady, Tom, Pauline Zwicker, Vivien Forbes, Suzanne MacNeil, Karen Tucker, Sally Coleman, Don, Jeanne Parler, Frank, Jeff Bowie, Elisabeth Thomas, Cindy Carr, Ross Dolloff, Fran Nalipinski, The Tache Family, Blair and family, Jeff and family, John Mason, Susan Warren, Camilo Notario, Jr., Esmunda Notario, Tom D., Stephen Duff, Rick Rizoli, Ashley Galvin, Mary K., the Castiello Children, Linda and Patrick Grant, Glenn Murer, Carpenter Family, Patricia McDuffe, Rachel Davis, Dr. Elizabeth Prout, Albert Engelken, Harry Davis, The ADAPT protesters, Kori Rodriguez, Mary Manning, Pat Carr, Love, Nate, Phoebe and family, Andrew Rossi, Joanna Morse, Virginia Steadman, Lisa J., Nancy Moore, Sarah Fialho, Patrick O'Donoghue, Eric, Kathleen Hoff, Nancy Pearce, Pezzulo Family, the Pelletiere Family, K. Joyce and Family, Joanne Ryan-Walsh, Anne Busteed, Angela Carter, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, the North Shore Mission Hub, and the Salem Public Schools, especially the seventh grade scholars and the staff that care for them at the Nathaniel Bowditch School.

Please email us at gcis1@verizon.net to add your prayer requests.

Visitor Information

Welcome to those of you here for the first time.

All are welcome by God to the heavenly banquet. The Episcopal Church offers the sacraments to anyone baptized in any denomination who, through prayer and thoughtful consideration, desires them. Please come to the communion rail to receive the bread and wine, whether you are an Episcopalian or not, or to receive a blessing.

Please join in the singing!

We are a self-supporting congregation. Everyone is welcome to “come as you are” to our services, especially the Celtic Service. However, if you would like to make a gift tonight, there is a basket on your way out. If you would like to make a pledge, (a commitment for the year), please take a pledge card found on the table at the door, fill it out and place it in the plate. Any amount to support this important ministry is greatly appreciated. Today’s collection will support our ministries to the community.

Gluten free? The bread offered at the Celtic service is gluten-free, baked by the priest.

Debbie, the priest, will be available after the service to answer any questions you might have. Please let her know how your thoughts about tonight’s service.

We ask that you sign the guestbook at the entrance of the church.

If you want more information, our web address is www.gracechurchsalem.org. Our weekly newsletter, called Grace Notes can also be found there. If you wish to receive the newsletter, simply go to the website, open Grace Notes and subscribe.

We hope you find the service meaningful and the community’s hospitality inviting.

Thank you for praying with us today.

Lenten Study

In conjunction with St. Andrew's, Marblehead, St. Michael's, Marblehead, and Holy Name, Swampscott, we will be studying Atul Gawande's book, *Being Mortal*. This week, the session takes place at Holy Name. The evening begins at 6:30 pm with a simple supper of soup, bread and salad hosted by us. After some laid back conversation from the clergy, we will then open it up with some leading questions for everyone gathered. Please consider joining us for this interesting subject matter. Books can be purchased through your regular bookseller or online.

Please see Melissa Barnes if you can help with the supper the following week as we host the Study on March 21st.

Interfaith Candlelight Youth Vigil to Protest Gun Violence

On Wednesday, March 14 at 7:00 pm, the Salem Interfaith Council is sponsoring a candlelight vigil to coincide with the national day of walkouts in high schools all over the country. All are welcome to come and pray, sing and hear from the young people of Salem.

Easter Memorials

Enclosed in your leaflet is an envelope for Easter Memorials. Each year, we ask for a donation to cover the expenses of this season. Simply put your donation in the envelope and fill out the front. All names to be honored will be listed in the Easter Vigil and Easter Day leaflets. Please be generous.

A Diocesan Response to Gun Violence

In a joint statement from the bishops of the Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts they state, “We have all had enough of our children dying in their classrooms. We have had enough of mass shootings in which a semi-automatic rifle was the weapon of choice. We have all had enough of the cycle of trauma, shock, anger, grief and numbness, fatigue and inaction. As followers of Jesus we have a two-fold mandate: lamentation and action.” On Wednesday, March 14th, take some time to pray and cry out to God for an end to gun violence. On March 24th, join the Rector and others at the Cathedral by 11:30 am as we act by “Marching for Our Lives.” For more information and resources, go to

<https://www.diomass.org/news/diocesan-news/end-gun-violence-ma-bishops-call-prayer-action-march-14-24>

Next Sunday St. Patrick Service

Next Sunday at 10:30 am we will have our annual St. Patrick’s Day celebration with guest violinist Larry Young. The prayers and music will come from the Celtic tradition on this day

Holy Week at Grace Church

March 25: Palm Sunday

10:30 am Choral Holy Eucharist with Palm Procession
and reading of the Passion
5:00 pm Celtic Service with the Blessing of Palms

March 29: Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Choral Holy Eucharist with Foot-washing
and Stripping of the Altar

March 30: Good Friday

7:00 pm Proper Liturgy of the Day
The Passion of our Lord according to John
Adoration of the Cross

March 31: The Great Vigil of Easter

7:00 pm The Lighting of the Fire
Lessons from Jewish Scripture
Holy Baptism
First Celebration of Easter

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