



Celtic Meditations: Pentecost Sunday May 20, 2018 5:00 pm

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 Music Meditation

Cornish

Celtic Tune

Opening Meditation

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays
Today the church draws breath at last and sings
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.
This is the feast of fire, air, and water
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.
The earth herself awakens to her maker
And is translated out of death to birth.
The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release
Today the gospel crosses every border
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace
Today the lost are found in His translation.
Whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation.

- Malcolm Guite from Sounding the Seasons

Please stand and join in the singing of the hymn

Opening Hymn #62

As a fire is meant for burning

New Celtic Tune

Evening Prayer

Teach us, Loving God, not to hold on to life too tightly. Teach us to hold it lightly, not carelessly, but lightly, easily. Teach us to take it as a gift, to enjoy and cherish while we have it, and to let it go gracefully and thankfully when the time comes. The gift is great, but the Giver is greater still. You, O God, are the Giver, and in you is the life that never dies. Amen.

Please be seated.

Listen now to the Word of God.

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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.**

Reflection

Sara Maurno

Two minutes of silence follows.

Music for Meditation

The Wind that Shakes the Barley

Celtic Tune

Prayers

Leader Holy Spirit, breathe fresh life into your people,
People **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Leader Beloved of all, lead us and every people into the ways of justice and peace,
People **That we may respect one another in freedom and love.**

Leader Loving Creator, awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
People **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

Leader God of truth, inspire us with your wisdom for those decisions that affect the lives of others.
People **That we may act with integrity and courage.**

Leader Merciful Jesus, give grace to all those whose lives are linked with ours.
People **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

Leader Let us now name before God those for whom we offer prayers, either silently or aloud.

Celebrant Lord, you have called us to serve you.
People **Grant that we may walk in your presence:
Your love in our hearts,
your truth in our minds,
your strength in our wills,
until, at the end of our journey,
we know the welcome of your embrace. Amen**

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

The Spirit

Celtic Tune

Hymn during Prayers

Holy Spirit, Gift Bestower

Celtic Tune

Holy Spirit, gift bestower

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Ho - ly Spi - rit, gift be - stow - er, breathe in - to our hearts to - day.

5 Flow - ing wa - ter, dove that ho - vers, Ho - ly Spi - rit, guide our way.

9 Love in - pir - er, joy re - leas - er, Spi - rit take our fears a - way.

13 Rec - on - ci - ler, peace re - stor - er, move a - mong us while we pray.

The Grace

God of faithful surprises, throughout the ages you have made known your love and power in unexpected ways and places: May we daily perceive the joy and wonder of your abiding presence and offer our lives in gratitude for our redemption. **Amen**

The Peace

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 O God of mystery and promise, you invite us to discover you in the intimate places of ourselves and our lives. You invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity, in passionate and tender loving, in struggle and pain, in confusion and unknowing, in flashes of insight and wisdom. You also call us beyond ourselves to places of imagination, beyond the silent stars, in the deep rhythms of the ocean, in the unending cycles of day and night, seasons of life and death.

With saints and ancestors, with the seas and earth and sky, with animals and birds, with our friends and those unknown to us, with all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:

Sanctus #67

Celebrant We praise you that in Jesus you make known to us the wonder and richness of our humanity. We give thanks for his life-giving love, for his healing touch, for his vulnerability and for his gentleness. Before he gave up his life, he shared his humanity, his flesh and blood with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and gave it to them saying:

All “This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me.”

Celebrant So too after they had eaten, he took wine, gave thanks for it and gave it to them saying:

All “This is my blood, poured out in love for you. Do this to remember me.”

Celebrant So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant Holy and gracious God, present with us now, send in kindness your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. As we eat and drink these bodily things, make us one body, food for the world, one blood to be poured out for the life of all. Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing for the new age of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus who gave his body that we might be one and his blood that we might find new life. With him, and through him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be to you, O God, all honor and glory forever.

AMEN.

The Lord’s Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

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

All Jesus, you revealed yourself to the world so that all people might look to you and be saved: May we, who have received you as you are revealed in the breaking of bread, know the whole ness you bring. Be our light in the darkness that we may not stumble, and lift us up again if we fall; and may we bring this light into the world. Amen.

Concluding Hymn #64

O Spirit of the Living God

Celtic Tune

Concluding Blessing

Celebrant

May the awareness of the angels be yours this night, that you may be alert to unseen mysteries. And may the life of Christ be yours this night, that you may be kindled in love. May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant

Go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Concluding Meditation

Thomas' Farewell

Celtic Tune

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

Participants

Celebrant	The Reverend Debbie Phillips
Musicians	Ryan Patten, Eric Wagner, Debbie Phillips
Opening and Lesson	Kathleen Tone
Reflection	Sara Murno
Prayers	Joanne Moar
Assisting at Communion	Joanne Moar
Greeter	Jane Stewart

*If you would like to be a part of this sacred time, we welcome readers, musicians, greeters and those to assist with setup, the healing station and communion.
Please see anyone of the participants listed above if interested.*

Gifts: 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.

Our Prayers are offered for

The peaceful repose of the souls of Fred Fox, Donald Harribine, Arnold Paulsen, Jr., Ruby Hill and Ayo Ogunbor; for Connie White, Cheryl McDonough, Natalie Ann Young, Carmine Maimone, Lenny Cawley, Christine Lally, James Ashton, 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, The Fox Family, Jim Kilroy, Grace I., Lange Family, Felton May, Tom Lemons, Kathleen Tone, Rufus and Florine Felder, Christopher Patzke, Kim Shaw, Leo Murphy, P. Dennis Family, Denise Fox and Family, Sara, Pettus Hickman, Bryon English, Ruby Hill's Family, Faith Aroko's Family, 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 Busted, Angela Carter, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, the people of Gaza, 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.

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.

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.

Garden of Life

Last year, the Vestry set up a special fund called, “The Garden of Life,” so that we, as a parish, might better support our outreach ministries. First, we needed to eliminate a debt we had accrued called our “assessment,” which funds outreach ministries across the Diocese. This debt was over \$100,000.

Jesse Angeley, our former Treasurer, Jonathan Davis, our former Finance Committee Chair, and Joanne Moar, our former Sr. Warden worked out an arrangement with the Diocese to pay this down. The arrangement takes the following shape:

Every year Grace Church pays \$10,000, the Diocese will write off another \$3,027. Over 7 years, the debt is paid. Every dollar over the initial \$10,000 paid, the Diocese will write off a matching dollar as well.

In 2017, we raised \$24,492.30. The Diocese wrote this off plus another \$17,519.30 as we were well over the \$10,000 goal.

Our current debt is now only \$47,510.70 after just one year! Here is our challenge: If we raise \$27,241.85 this year, we will be done!! So far, the Vestry has promised \$6,200. Another \$10,000 has been promised from two members of the parish once we reach \$10,000, and \$1,000 has already been given by another member, so we only need to raise \$10,000 from the rest of us. We have proven to ourselves that we can do this! Once completed, we can then envision our future plans for outreach as a parish.

Please ask for a promise “seed packet” to make your commitment, or simply send a check to Grace Church and note in the memo line that it is for the Garden of Life. Together, we can tend God’s garden, the garden filled with the people in need of our tender care.



Grace Church Garden of Life

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