



Celtic Evensong

Pentecost 20

18 October 2020 4:00 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.*

Please remember to silence all devices

The Opening Rite

Musical Meditation

Don Oiche Ud I MBeithil

Celtic Melody

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Meditation

Geese appear high over us,
pass, and the sky closes. Abandon,
as in love or sleep, holds
them to their way, clear
in the ancient faith: what we need
is here. And we pray, not
for new earth or heaven, but to be
quiet in heart, and in eye,
clear. What we need is here.

-Wendell Berry

The Invitatory and Psalm

Eternal Spirit,
Flow through our being and open our lips,
That our mouths may proclaim your praise.

Let us worship the God of love.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Song to the Light

Celtic Melody



I will kin - dle my fire in the morn of the day, in the pres - ence of ho - ly



an - gels. With - out mal - ice or jeal - ous - y, en - vy or fear, with - out



ter - ror of an - y - one un - der the sun, but the Ho - ly Be - lov - ed to shield me.



O Ho - ly one, kin - dle thou here in my heart, a flame of pure love to my



neigh - bor, to my foe, to my friend, to my kin - dred all, to the



brave, to the knave, to the thrall. O child of the love - li - est Ma - ry, from the



low - li - est thing, to the Ho - ly Name, the be - lov - ed of all.

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Psalm 99

1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble; * he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; * he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; * he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; * he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son * and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,* world without end. Amen.

The Lesson

The Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

Listen now to the Word of God.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the

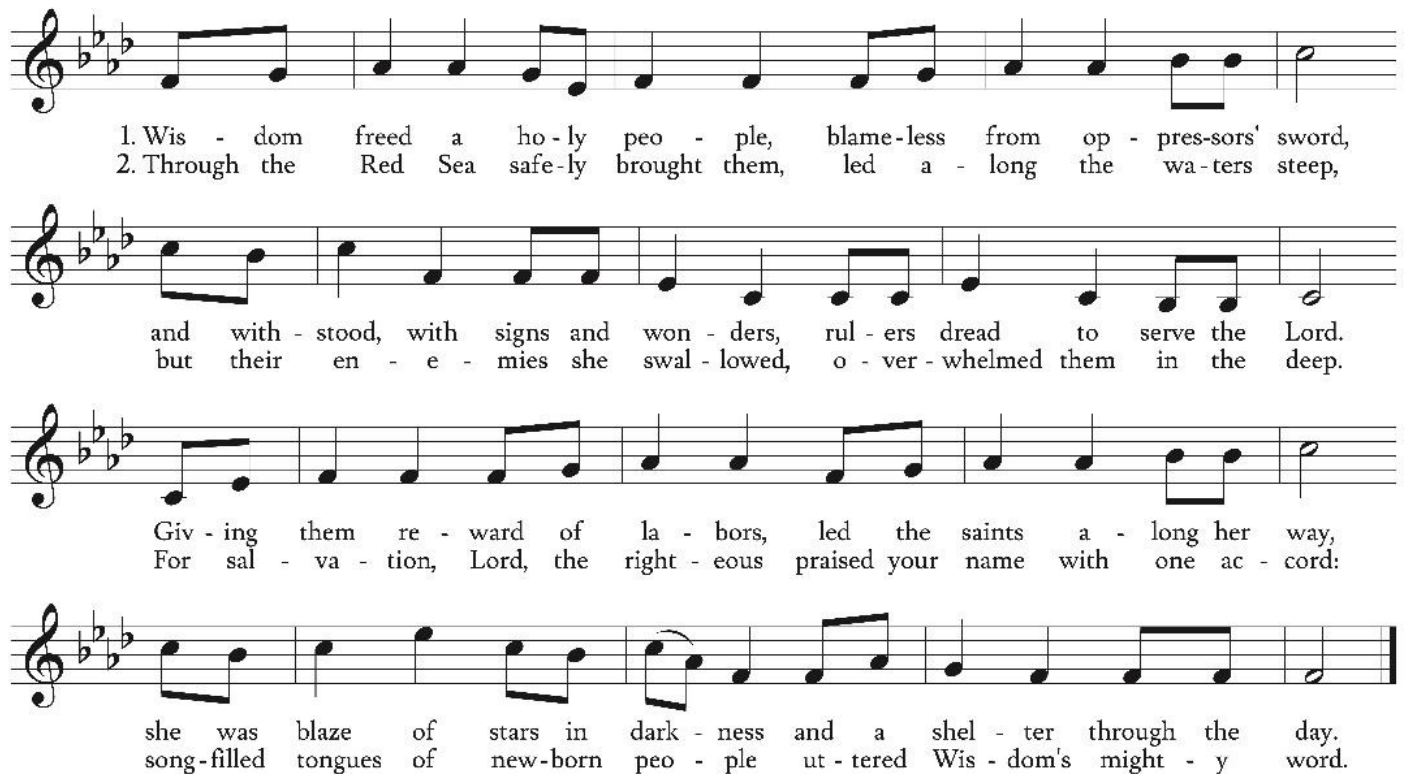
test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away

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.

The Canticle

Celtic Melody



1. Wis - dom freed a ho - ly peo - ple, blame-less from op - pres-sors' sword,
2. Through the Red Sea safe-ly brought them, led a - long the wa - ters steep,
and with - stood, with signs and won - ders, rul - ers dread to serve the Lord.
but their en - e - mies she swal - lowed, o - ver - whelmed them in the deep.
Giv - ing them re - ward of la - bors, led the saints a - long her way,
For sal - va - tion, Lord, the right - eous praised your name with one ac - cord:
she was blaze of stars in dark - ness and a shel - ter through the day.
song-filled tongues of new-born peo - ple ut - tered Wis - dom's might - y word.

Reflection

Joanne Troy

Music for Meditation

Down the Wild River

Celtic melody

The Affirmation

We believe in God, the creator of all life and beauty, who blesses our journey.

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who lived as a friend and savior to all he met as he traveled,
and who ate and laughed, wept and celebrated with them in love.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who rides on the gentle breeze, who strengthens our bindings,
and who offers hope eternal.**

**We believe in the church, which stands open to all travelers,
and bears witness to the everlasting love of God.**

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Evening Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Holy One, we praise you for the wonders of your creation:
Make us joyful and faithful stewards.

As the day grows long,
Bless us with the gift of laying down our burdens.

And not ours only:
Help us lift the weights we have placed on others and on your creation.

Create in us, again and always, your heart of grace.
May we rest on the sure foundation of your love.

We offer these prayers of our hearts:
Please take a moment and name in the comment section those your hearts hold up in prayer. Amen.

Light Prayers

During the playing of the music, please continue to offer your prayers

Music during Prayers

Captain O'Kane

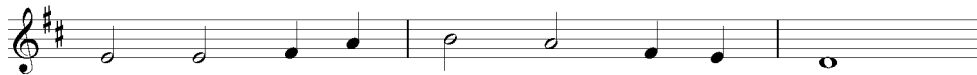
Celtic Melody



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Final Meditation

Renew me this night in the image of your love
 Renew me in the likeness of your mercy, O God.
 May any refusal to forgive
 That lingers with me from the day
 Any bitterness of soul
 That hardens my heart
 Be softened by your graces of the night.
 Renew me in the image of your love, O God,
 Renew me in the likeness of your mercy.

– J. Philip Newell

Concluding Canticle

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised.
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see;
A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.

The Concluding Prayer

O Christ, kindle in our hearts within a flame of love to our neighbor, to our foes to our friends, to our kindred all.
O Christ of the loveliest Mary, of the poor and the yearning, from the humblest thing that lives, to the highest of all, kindle in our hearts within the flame of love. Amen.

Concluding Blessing

Officiant May we live in peace without weeping. May our joy outline the lives we touch without ceasing. And may our love fill the world, angel wings tenderly beating. And the blessing of the Holy Trinity be with you now and evermore. Amen.

Dismissal

Officiant The Lord almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.
All Thanks be to God.

Concluding Musical Meditation

Farewell

Celtic Melody

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Debbie Phillips
Ryan Patten, Eric Wagner, Debbie Phillips
Joanna Troy

Officiant
Musicians
Reflector

Conversations on Race

The Vestry invites you to join us in deepening our commitment to racial justice. We have a series of virtual cottage meetings planned for this week with the intent of sharing our stories and experiences around racial identity and our experiences of living in a culture of white supremacy. These meetings will be lead by a vestry member and will be a sacred time of sharing and listening as we discern communally where the Holy Spirit is leading us next. Please sign up for a time slot. Faithfully, Brian Fizer

Season of Stewardship has Begun

Taking care of and sharing our blessings is a lifelong practice. As with all spiritual practices, the Church sets aside time for communal and intentional reflection and formation. From October 4 through November 15, we will be taking time to consider the gift of generosity, for it is a spiritual gift instilled in us all. During this time, we will hear reflections and sermons on this theme. You will also be receiving a letter from the Stewardship Chair, Tom Gaither (who is also our Senior Warden). Enclosed in this letter will be a “pledge card,” our commitment of sharing our financial resources with Grace Church during 2021. This card is also a declaration of the faith and trust we have in God’s own generosity. Here is this week’s reflection:

Give to God the things that are God’s

By The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce

Once again in today’s gospel the Pharisees are trying to trip up Jesus. If Jesus supports the paying of the tax, his Jewish siblings who are rebelling against the Roman occupation will shun him. If Jesus says it’s unlawful to pay the tax, he’ll be in trouble with the Roman authorities. What does Jesus do? He asks them to look at the coin. It is a Roman coin. Pay the tax – meaning give the Emperor back his own coin! Then Jesus adds that wonderful line — give to God the things that are God’s.

What exactly IS God’s? Well, we are! Our Christian faith in God points us always to live a life of gratitude and generosity. God showed us how we are to live and how to give to God the things that are God’s: God gave us God’s son, God’s first fruit, and we are asked to do the same, remembering that everything we have, everything we do, everything we are is a gift from God — and it is a gift that is meant to be shared. When we share from our first fruits, as God shared God’s first fruit with us, we are modeling the same generosity

God has shown us.

Remember, we have two sets of three legged-stools in our Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement: scripture, reason and tradition, and time, talent and treasure. The first shapes our faith; the second is how we use the gifts we have been given to live out our faith.

The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce is the Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of Los Angeles. Her ministry focuses heavily on stewardship, financial sustainability and New Community development.

Rector’s Time Off

Debbie will be away from October 19th through November 2. There will Evening Prayer and Bible Study on October 21, but not on the 28th. The Reverend Manny Faria will officiate at Celtic Evensong on October 25 and November 1. Debbie will officiate and preach at the 10 am service on the 25th and the Reverend Cliff Cutler will officiate and preach on All Saints’ Day.

Nosferatu Silent Movie

Although we can’t gather in the Church to hear Ryan Patten accompany the movie “Nosferatu,” we can huddle around our computers and tvs as this year’s concert is streamed on Vimeo. Starting now, you can click this link to get access to this wonderful event. All the proceeds from the rental (\$15) go to the mission of Grace Church.

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