



Celtic Meditations: Epiphany Last: February 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

O Light of Light

Plainsong

Please stand as you are able.

Opening

For that one moment, 'in and out of time',
On that one mountain where all moments meet,
The daily veil that covers the sublime
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.

There were no angels full of eyes and wings
Just living glory full of truth and grace.
The Love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face
And to that light the light in us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.

Nor can this blackened sky, this darkened scar
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.

-Malcolm Guite

Opening Hymn #47

Be thou my vision

Celtic Tune

Evening Prayer

Insistent God, by night and day you summon your slumbering people: So stir us with your voice and enlighten our lives with your grace that we give ourselves fully to Christ's call to mission and ministry. Amen.

The Reading

Mark 9:2-9

Listen now to the Word of God.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

Jane Stewart

Two minutes of silence follows.

Music for Meditation

Peaceful River

Celtic Tune

Prayers

Leader Son of God, in the light of faith, we offer our prayers:

People **May we follow closely your lead.**

Leader For all who face the darkness with fear this night,

People **redeem our fears with hope and confidence.**

(In the silence that follows, send prayers to those in fear this night, considering who you may know that needs courage)

Leader For all the places in this world that yearn for new life,

People **Grant the light of your saving grace.**

(In the silence that follows, send prayers to those places with strife this night, considering who you may know that needs peace)

Leader Hear us, teach us, restore us,

People **and may your light shine in our hearts and in all the world.**

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

Farewell to Glasgow

Celtic Tune

Hymn during Prayers #48

Fairest Lord Jesus

German Tune

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

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 We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you. With the angels of light who envelop us, with all the saints before and beside us, with brothers and sisters, east and west, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Sanctus #39

New Celtic Tune

Celebrant Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread. On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This is my body, given to you."

In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, "This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God."

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing, and make us whole. And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread #40

Celtic Tune

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

All Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping, that awake, we may watch with Christ, and asleep, we may rest in peace. Be our light in the darkness and in your great mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, that we might rise, clothed in your light, when the morning comes. Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping, that awake, we may watch with Christ, and asleep, we may rest in peace.

Concluding Hymn

We have come

New Celtic Tune



1. We have come at Christ's own bid - ding
2. Light breaks thro' - out clouds and shad - ows,
3. Streng - then'd. by this glimpse of glo - ry,



to this high and ho - ly place, where we wait with
splen - dor bathes the flesh - joined Word, Mo - ses and E -
fear - ful lest our faith de - cline, we, like Pe - ter,



hope and long - ing for some to - ken of God's grace.
li - jah mar - vel as the heav'n - ly voice is heard.
find it temp - ting to re - main and build a shrine.



Here we pray for new as - sur - ance that our faith is
Eyes and hearts be - hold with won - der how the Law and
But true wor - ship gives us cour - age to pro - claim what



not in vain, search - ing like those
Pro - phets meet; Christ with gar - ments
we pro - fess, that our dai - ly



first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
drenched in bright ness, stands trans - fi - gured and com - plete.
lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

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Concluding Blessing

Celebrant God, the Light-Creator bless us.
Jesus, the Light-Bearer bless us.
Holy Spirit, the Light-Sustainer bless us.
O Holy Trinity, illumine our hearts this day and evermore. Amen

Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth in the light of Christ.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Concluding Meditation

Cailleach An Airgead

Celtic Tune

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

Participants

Celebrant	The Reverend Deborah Phillips
Musicians	Ryan Patten, Eric Wagner, Debbie Phillips
Opening and Lesson	Bridget Alexander
Reflection	Jane Stewart
Prayers	Eric Wagner
Assisting at Communion	Deb Marchand
Greeter	Bob Marchand

*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.*

Our Prayers are offered for

The Hawlena Family, Helen Watson-Felt, Cindy Rhodes, Ronald Birchmore, Edna Ashton, Eugene and Gerry Lockard, Joanne Moar and her father, Diane Rowand Burns, Rick Marks, Helen Harris, Fred and Ingrid Fox, Jim Kilroy, Grace I., Lange Family, Felton May, Debbie Marchand, Cameron Wicker, Tom Lemons, Kathleen Tone, Rufus and Florine Felder, Christopher Patzke, Amanda Lily, Kim Shaw, Leo Murphy, P. Dennis Family, Denise Fox and Family, Sara and Dann, 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, Beatrice Jideofor, 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, Kathleen Hoff, Nancy Pearce, Pezzulo Family, the Pelletiere Family, K. Joyce and Family, Joanne Ryan-Walsh, Anne Busted, Jane Stewart, Sabina Wu, Angela Carter, Rebekah Clark, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, the North Shore Mission Hub, for the City of Salem and those elected to protect the welfare of all people, and the Salem Public Schools, especially 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.

Reflections

If you would like to give a reflection, please signup on the sheet in the back by the healing station. Here's all you need to know about the reflection:

The "Reflection" piece is a bit different from a homily or sermon. First of all, it is intentionally very brief. We like to say that it must all fit on an 8.5 x 11" sheet of paper, with regular margins and normal type! If it's less than a full page, that's fine, too. Another way of saying this is that the reflection should be under five minutes.

Another characteristic of this reflection piece is that it is intended to be very personal. Episcopalians are not known for their "witnessing," but this is in a way what we are asking you to do. We want to know something about your experience of God. While it might be interesting to hear how you think about God, we are more interested in hearing about your encounter with God in real life situations, about where you have sensed God's presence in your life, and, as a result of this encounter, about what matters most to you in life. Of course, given the brevity of the reflection, we know that we would be hearing only one small piece of your perspective on these things, but we hope you might be open to doing this more than once!

The reflection also does not have to be related to the Gospel reading appointed for the evening. It is wonderful to have someone share with us something he or she has read – a poem or brief passage from a novel, for example – that is especially meaningful to them. A nice benefit of this approach is that others might be inspired to read more of that which you found so helpful or enlightening. But that's just one approach.

Thank you for sharing in this important ministry.



5:30 pm Children's Service

A half-hour service designed especially for children and their families, with imposition of ashes and a story to prepare children for the season of Lent.

7:00 pm Choral Holy Eucharist

Proper liturgy for Ash Wednesday with the imposition of ashes and music sung by our choir



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