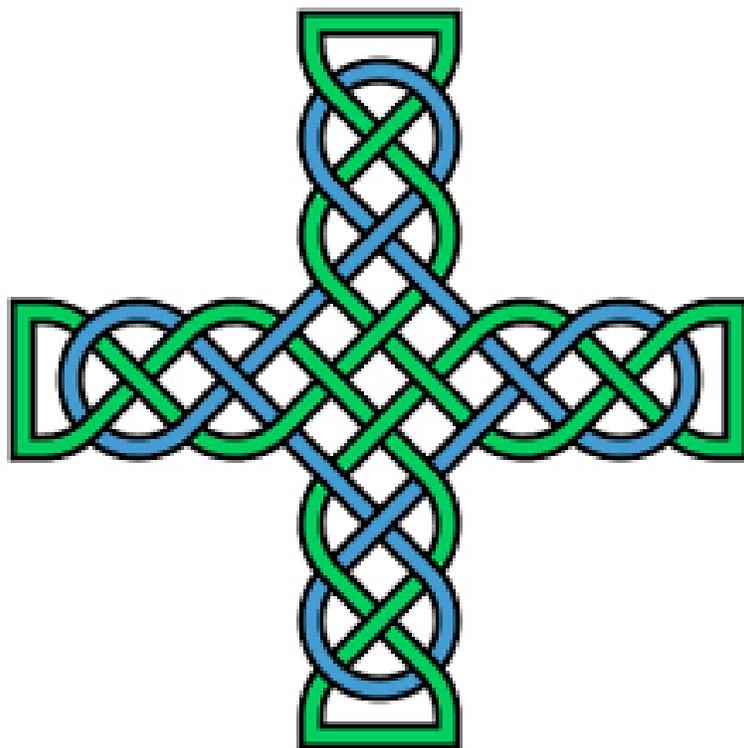


ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023
9:00 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.
CELTIC MASS**



*The Rev. Peter W. Mayer, Rector
The Rev. Patti Sachs, Associate Rector
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WELCOME TO ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

If you are visiting us for the first time, let us offer you an especially warm welcome. We hope that you will enjoy worshipping with us. We would like to continue our relationship with you, so please fill out a visitor card which may be found in a pew packet or on our website's Newcomers page, www.st-margarets.org/newcomers.html.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS AT ST. MARGARET'S

Our COVID-19 safety protocols have been relaxed and mask wearing is optional. Hand sanitizer bottles are offered throughout the campus. **In the event of an emergency, please stay calm, stay seated, and listen for instructions.**

CHILDREN AT ST. MARGARET'S

Nursery care is provided on Sunday mornings by loving professionals for ages 0-3 from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the lower floor of the Annex, the building attached to the Sanctuary.

During the 9:00 a.m. service when the Hymn before the Sermon begins, children ages three and a half through fifth grade are welcome to follow the wooden cross out to attend **Children's Chapel** with an age-appropriate lesson and music. They will return during announcements time.

We provide **Sunday School** for children ages 3-14 most Sundays from September through May. To sign up your child, email Emily DelSordo, Children's Formation Coordinator, at emily@st-margarets.org. Our Youth Group, fellowship for middle and high school students, is conducted on Mondays at 6:45 p.m. To register your youth, email Jeff Conover, Youth Ministries Leader, at jeff@st-margarets.org.

On Mondays from September through May, we offer an evening of **Faith and Fellowship**, with choir rehearsals (grades K-5) and activities for their younger siblings at 5:15 p.m. followed by a Fellowship dinner for all ages at 6:15 p.m., with crafts for children afterwards. Adult choir rehearsals and adult formation take place after dinner at 7:00 p.m. Please check the church calendar at www.st-margarets.org/calendar.html to confirm programs are scheduled each week.

Our **Day School** has been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and named a Green School by the State of Maryland. For ages 2-6, the school offers a quality curriculum and special activities such as Spanish, STEM lessons, music, and physical education. After school activities are also offered, such as soccer, ballet, and basketball. The school offers highly popular summer camps from June to August for ages 2-10. More information may be found on their website at www.stmargaretsdayschool.org.

ADULT FORMATION AT ST. MARGARET'S

We offer adults a variety of ways to grow in faith. Our **Thursday Morning Book Club** meets through Zoom at 9:00 a.m., while our **Senior Sessions** for those 65+ are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 9:00 a.m., also on Zoom.

St. Margaret's is known for its support of **many outreach efforts** both locally and around the world. From Winter Relief, producing masks and prayer shawls, and assisting with feeding the hungry, we are an active and committed church. Our Endowment Grants annual program has provided millions of dollars to organizations here and across the globe. To get involved, visit the Missions page on our website at www.st-margarets.org/missions.html.

MUSIC AT ST. MARGARET'S

Here at St. Margaret's, we are blessed with a **vibrant music ministry** that has something for everyone, presently consisting of an adult choir, a K-12 chorister program (grades K-2, 3-5, 6-12), handbell ensembles, and the contemporary music ensemble Third Sunday Band. If you would like to find out more about our music ministry and are interested in joining any of our ensembles, please email Director of Music Jim Douglas at music@st-margarets.org. Membership in our choirs and ensembles is open to all, regardless of religious affiliation or background. Please visit the music page on the website at <https://www.st-margarets.org/music.html>. The Music Ministry calendar may also be found on the website at <https://www.st-margarets.org/music-calendar.html>.

The **liturgy and music** for today is led by Associate for Contemporary Music Al Todd, the Third Sunday Band, and guests. It is drawn from the Book of Common Prayer, the 1982 Hymnal, and other resources as noted. Permission to print and live-stream music granted through OneLicense #A-709554 and CCLI #661345/#CSPL068962.

PRELUDE

The Light of the World
When I survey the wondrous cross (Water is Wide)
Captive Me

Cathy Burton
Traditional Scottish Folk Song
Iona Community

WELCOME

The People stand as they are able as directed by Clergy.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant The praise of Christ is illustrious speech,
People **the worship of God's Son is an art full of virtue.**
Celebrant Everyone who has sung or heard it,
People **is a part of God's kingdom without rejection.**

The People remain standing and sing the Hymn.

HYMN

The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

The People remain standing as they are able.

A PENITENTIAL LITANY

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **God's mercy endures forever.**
Celebrant Christ who died for our sin, forgive the penitent.
People **Lord, have mercy.**
Celebrant Christ who shared our griefs, comfort the sorrowing.
People **Lord, have mercy.**
Celebrant Christ who thirsted on the cross, bring relief to the hungry.
People **Lord, have mercy.**
Celebrant Christ forsaken by all, be with the lonely and the sad.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Celebrant Christ mocked and scorned, support the outcasts and rejected.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Celebrant Christ who suffered great pain, be a strength to the weak.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Celebrant Christ who died for us all, grant us your salvation.
People **Lord, have mercy.**
Celebrant Christ crucified, done to death, and buried, give us hope.
People **Lord, have mercy.**
Celebrant Christ who descended into hell, raise us to glory.
People **Lord, have mercy.**
Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **God's mercy endures forever.**
Celebrant We seek God's mercy as we seek wholeness. Our brokenness separates us from God and from each other.

CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins together.

The People remain standing or kneel as able.

People **God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your ways.
We have followed our pride, failed in love, neglected justice and ignored truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to the path of righteousness through Jesus Christ Our Savior. Amen.**

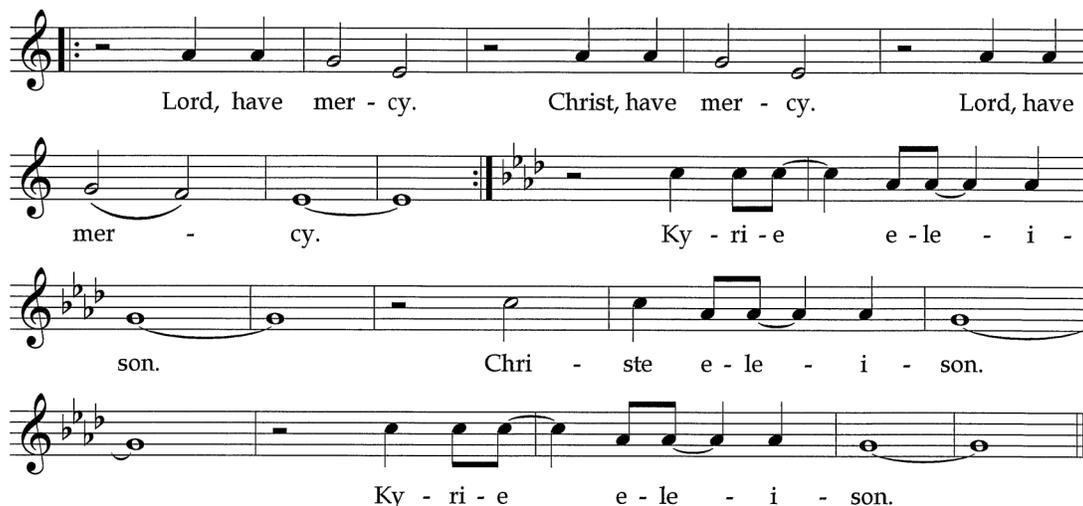
Celebrant May the forgiveness of God, the love of Christ, and the peace of the Holy Spirit be in our hearts and guide our lives this day and always.

People **Amen.**

The People stand as able and sing the Kyrie eleison.

KYRIE ELEISON

Al Todd



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have
mer - cy. Ky - ri - e e - le - i -
son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The People are seated.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1-13

A reading from the book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for

we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

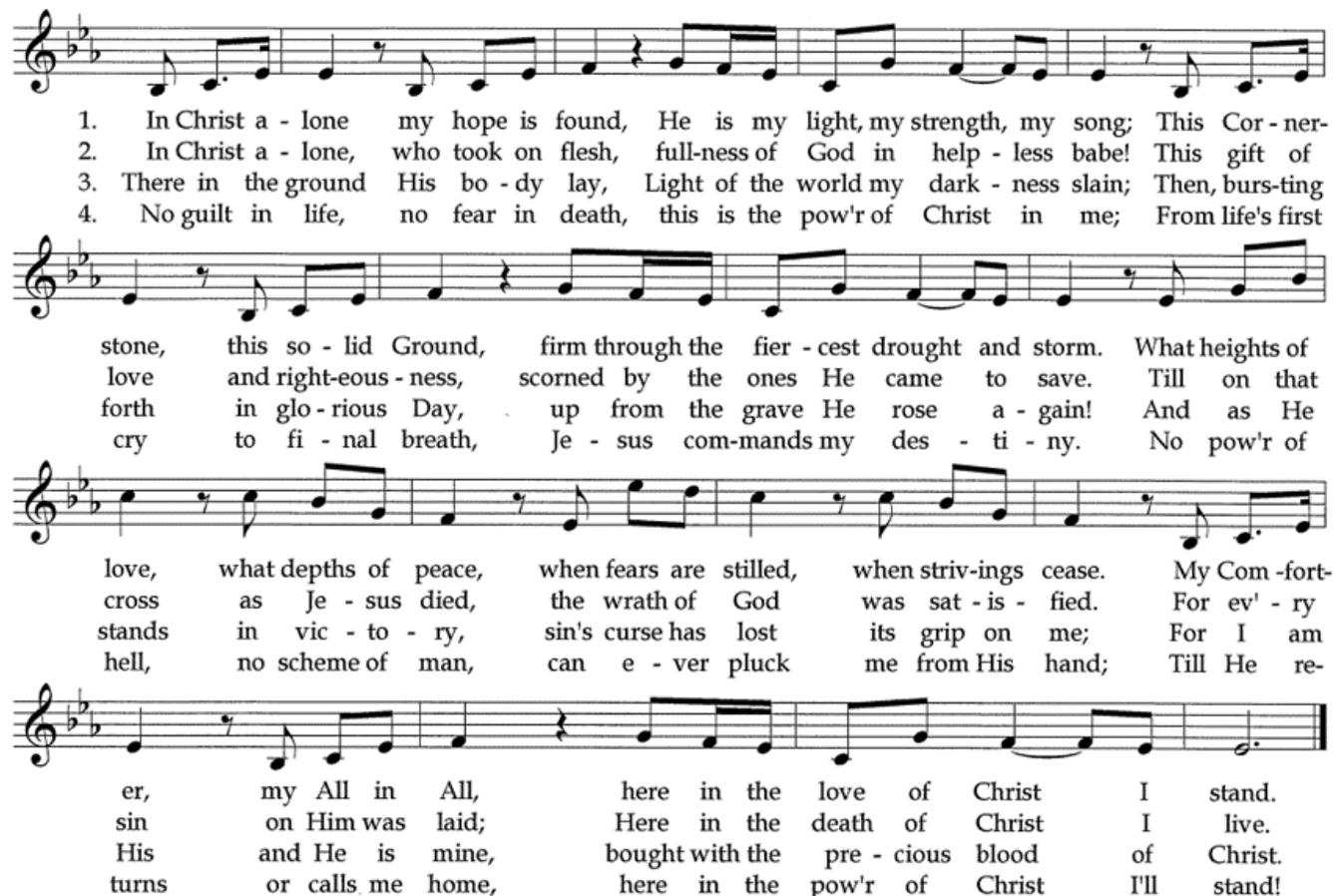
The People stand as they are able and sing the Hymn.

Children's Chapel begins here at the 9:00am service for children from **ages three and a half to fifth grade**. Children leave the nave during this Hymn following the cross which will come down the aisle and then go into the downstairs annex classroom. Children rejoin their parents at the Peace. Children three and under may attend but must be accompanied by a parent.

HYMN

In Christ alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner -
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less babe! This gift of
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the world my dark - ness slain; Then, burs - ting
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first
stone, this so - lid Ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm. What heights of
love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that
forth in glo - rious Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of
love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease. My Com - fort -
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - sied. For ev' - ry
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am
hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand; Till He re -
er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is

not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The People are seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Christine McCloud
Canon for Mission, Episcopal Diocese of Maryland

The People stand as they are able.

A CELTIC CREED

Tírechán's Creed (Book of Armagh)

Celebrant Let us say together this Celtic Creed.

Celebrant and People

**Our God is the God of all humans,
The God of heaven and earth
The God of sea and rivers,
The God of the sun and moon and all heavenly bodies,
The God of the lofty mountains and the lowly valleys.
God is above the heavens, and he is beneath the heavens.
He inspires all things, gives life to all things,
He stands above all things, and beneath all things.
He enlightens the day with the light to the sun,**

he strengthens the night with the light of moon and stars,
he makes wells in the arid lands and dry islands in the sea.
He has a Son who is co-eternal with himself;
and similar in all respects to himself;
and neither is the Son younger than the Father,
nor is the Father older than the Son;
and the Holy Spirit breathes in them.
And the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit are inseparable. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Praying the Keeills Celtic Daily Prayer

Leader Let us pray.
O God, Father almighty, God of earth. God of fire, God of the waters and the blustering wind.
God of the many languages and people found throughout the world.

People **Have mercy on us.**

Leader Our God listens to the needs of his children. With expectant faith, we now pray to you Father,
confident in your love and infinite wisdom.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for all who work through the power of Christ in the Church today, serving the needs of
the poor and healing the wounds of injustice, division and materialism in our society.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the sick and the lonely among us, that they may receive comfort, companionship
and care from those around them.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray that those who have been persecuted or seriously wronged by others may experience
the warmth and love of Christ, and may be able to forgive those who have hurt them.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray that we may seek more energetically to work with the Lord in establishing justice and
peace on earth.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the wisdom and passion to change our minds, change our hearts, change our
ways, and come back to a place of respect for the earth and all of your creation.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for all those who have asked for our prayers, especially those whose names are written
on our hearts at this moment.

All are welcome to offer intercessions, either silently or aloud.

Leader We pray for the souls of all those whom we have loved but now no longer see; those who have
gone beyond the veil of this mortal life. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
rest in peace, and rise in glory.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray that when we are afraid or discouraged, we may find strength in the signs of a loving
God all around us.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray also for our candidates for Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Maryland, Alissa, Carrie,
Gregg, and Randy, that they may walk in your love and follow your calling.

People **Hear our prayer.**
Celebrant Almighty Father, we ask you to grant our petitions. Look favorably on your Church; that it may carry out the work of the salvation of humankind. Help us to love you more every day of our lives. Teach us to reach out to our neighbor, that we may follow the example of Jesus, the Christ, your Son our Lord.
People **Amen.**

The People stand as they are able.

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord and are seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

To give by cell phone, text GIVESMC to 73256.

During the Offertory, all are welcome to deliver their gift to the plate located in front of the altar.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Refiner's Fire

Brian Doerksen

*Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver
Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.
Refiner's Fire; my heart's one desire
Is to be Holy, set apart for you, Lord
I choose to be Holy, set apart for you, my master
Ready to do your will
Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within.*

The People stand as able at the direction of the Clergy.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

A Celtic Liturgy for Every Season

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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Great Creator Spirit, from whom all life come forth, here we gather again with bread and with wine, seeking your presence, longing once more to be nourished.

We hunger for wholeness in our lives, for unity on earth and for peace among the nations. And we know that only in your love can such peace and unity be found. And so with all that we are and all that we can give, we join with all of creation as we sing your praises:

SANCTUS

Al Todd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er of pow-er and might,
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with lyrics underneath. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff has two endings, labeled '1.' and '2.', which lead to the same final cadence. The key signature is G major, and the time signature is 4/4.

The Celebrant continues

The earth is full of your glory, o Lord, and for the earth we give you thanks and ask your blessing. Even as this broken bread was once scattered over the hills and mountains, and when gathered together, became one, so may Your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom. Through Your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink. We now ask you to bless this offering of bread and wine, to accept it fully, to make it perfect and worthy, that it may become for us the Bread of Life and the Cup of Blessing.

We remember Jesus, who on the night before he suffered, took bread and, lifting it up and giving thanks to you, he blessed it, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take and eat this, for this is my body which is given for you."

Then he took the cup, blessed the wine and gave it to them, saying: "Take and drink this, for this cup is my blood, which shall be shed for the forgiveness of all. Whenever you do these things, you shall remember me."

Blessed are You, Lord, God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, fruits of the earth and work of human hands. In memory of Jesus, we your children offer to you these gifts. We call on your Holy Spirit now to bless them—the holy bread of life and the cup of eternal blessing. Accept with them the sacrifice of our hearts that all who share in this bread and this cup may be blessed in your love. We pray this in the name of Jesus, your Son.

People

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray together,

Celebrant and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Broken bread, poured out wine, signs of Christ's selfless-giving;

People **Broken bread, poured out wine, food for the human soul;**

Celebrant Broken bread, poured out wine, sacrifice for the world's peace.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

AGNUS DEI

Al Todd

1.
Lamb of God, _____ you take a-way _____ the sins of the world.
Lamb of God, _____ you take a-way the sins of the world.

2.
Have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, _____ you take a-way _____
Have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, _____ you
_____ the sins of the world. Grant us peace.
take a-way the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The People are seated.

All are welcome to receive bread and wine during Communion, including children. To receive bread, place your hands palms-up at the Communion rail. To receive wine, assist the Eucharistic Minister in guiding the chalice to your lips, or you may intinct by dipping the bread in the wine. If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine, place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Indicate your wish for a gluten-free wafer by first extending your hands palms-down when at the Communion rail. These wafers are kept in a separate holder from which you are invited to take one.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Christ be with me (St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer)

Julie Cameron-Hall

*Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in hearts of all who love me,
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger, In his name I will rise,
In the name of Father, the Son and the Spirit, I will rise, I will rise.*

The People remain seated and sing the Hymn.

HYMN

O the deep, deep love of Jesus

Ebenezer

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus. Vast, un -
2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus; spread His
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, love of
meas - ured, bound - less, free. Roll - ing as a
praise from shore to shore! How He lov - eth,
ev - 'ry love the best. 'Tis an o - cean
migh - ty o - cean in its full - ness o - ver
ev - er lov - eth, chang - eth ne - ver, ne - ver -
vast of bles - sing; 'tis a ha - ven sweet of
me. Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,
more. How he watch - es o'er His loved ones,
rest. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus;
is the cur - rent of Thy love. Lead - ing on - ward,
died to call them all His own. How for them He
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me. And it lifts me
lead - ing home - ward, to my glo - rious rest a - bove.
in - ter - ce - deth, watch - es o'er them from the throne.
up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to Thee.

The People stand as they are able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**We give you thanks, O God, for calling us together and for sustaining us with this holy meal.
This place is sacred, and in this place and this time we have shared a mystery.
May we in every place and time recognize
the sacredness of life and may we accept the mystery as we accept your love
with joyful faith and eternal hope.
In Christ's name. Amen.**

CELTIC BLESSING

Al Todd

1. Deep Peace, of the run-ning wave to you. Deep Peace, Deep Peace,
2. Deep Peace, of the qui-et earth to you.

3. Deep Peace, of the blow-ing wind to you. Deep Peace, Deep Peace,
4. Deep Peace, of the shi-ning stars to you.

Deep Peace, Deep Peace, Deep Peace of the Christ of Peace to you. A-men.

BLESSING

Celebrant May God guide you with His wisdom,
May God chasten us with His justice,
May God help us with His strength,
May God fill us with His fullness,
May God shield us with His shade,
May God fill us with His grace.
On the path we walk, may God walk with us.

People **Amen.**

The People remain standing and sing the Hymn.

HYMN

Oh how good it is

Stuart Townend, Ross Holmes,
Keith & Kristyn Getty



1. Oh how good it is When the fam - ily of God Dwells to - ge - ther in
2. Oh how good it is On this jour - ney we share To re - joice with the
3. Oh how good it is To em - brace His com - mand To pre - fer one a -
spi - rit In faith and u - ni - ty Where the bonds of peace Of ac -
hap - py And weep with those who mourn For the weak find strength The af -
no - ther For - give as He for - gives When we live as one We all
cep - tance and love Are the fruit of His pres - ence Here a - mong
flic - ted find grace When we of - fer the bles - sing Of be - long -
share in the love Of the Son with the Fa - ther And the Spi -
us
ing So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord And with one heart we'll
rit
live out His word Till the whole earth sees The Re - deem - er has
come For He dwells in the pres - ence of His peo - ple

DISMISSAL

Celebrant
People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

There's a cry

Robin Mark

MUSIC NOTES

The early Celtic people were out of the reach of most political and religious systems, and so maintained ancient practices deeply rooted in nature, the dignity and equality of men and women, and a vibrant pursuit of understanding human nature as well as God. As Christianity arrived to the Celts, they formed a synthesis of their ancient beliefs and the Christian understanding of God's message of Divine presence and belonging. Celtic spirituality sees the presence of the Spirit in all experiences and seeks an encounter with God in all of life and the natural world. Celtic music evolved with acoustic instruments (like dulcimer, fiddle, flutes, pipes, guitar, drums, percussion, etc.) using poetic verses and tunes handed down for generations. Celtic music traveled with immigrants to the US and formed the foundation of much of the folk and bluegrass music we enjoy today. In addition to traditional hymns and Irish folk tunes, today's music draws on the work of Irish writers, Keith and Kristyn Getty, Robin Mark, and Jill Cameron-Hall, Canadian Brian Doerksen, and Ionian and Scottish worship. In addition, an original tune written by Al Todd based on the ancient Celtic prayer "Deep Peace" is included as a blessing. We hope you enjoy today's liturgy and music.

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