

A CELTIC EUCHARIST

GREETING

The God of love is with us

ALL: The Spirit of love is with us

Blessed are you, O Christ, Light of the world.

ALL: You descend into our darkness to lift us into the realm of light.

LIGHTING OF THREE CANDLES

We will light a light in the name of the Maker who moved over the face of the waters. We will light a light in the name of the Son who was baptised in the water of the river Jordan. We will light a light in the name of the Spirit who cleanses and refreshes us as the cool spring water.

ALL: Lord, bring us to the guiding light of eternity.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALL: Almighty and eternal God, to you our hearts are open and our desires known. We cannot hide our most intimate secrets from you. Be present at all times, in our thoughts and hearts, and purify them with your Holy Spirit, so that we may love you with the love of the Spirit and praise your name with humility and joy, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought, word and deed and have failed to do what we ought to have done. We are sorry and truly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way to walk as children of light. Amen.

May Almighty God forgive us our sins and lead us in the way of truth and light.
Amen.

THE GLORIA - *GLORY IN ALL MY SEEING.*

Minister Let us join together to praise the God of all things. Glory in all my seeing

Women Glory in all my being

Men Glory in all my speaking

ALL **Glory in all my seeking**

Minister Glory in all my hearing

Women Glory in every appearing
Men Glory in all my feeling
ALL **Glory in God's revealing**

Minister Glory of the mighty Three
Women Glory entwining round me
Men Glory in the opening day
ALL **Glory in the rocky way**

Minister Glory in the morning light
Women Glory in the darkest night
Men Glory there for beholding
ALL **Glory ever me enfolding**
Glory of God, hand above
Glory of Christ, heart of love
Glory of Spirit, covering dove

THE COLLECT FOLLOWED BY THE READING(S)

SERMON *(followed by a time of reflection)*

CREED

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSIONS

THE PEACE

God makes peace within us
God makes peace between us

ALL: Let us claim it
ALL: Let us share it.

The peace of the Lord be always with you **ALL: And also with you.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you **ALL: And also with you**
Lift up your hearts **We lift them to the Lord.**

Gracious Father, from whom all life comes 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 say:

Holy, most holy, all holy Lord,

In power and wisdom forever adored.

The earth and the heavens are full of your might:

Let endless hosannas resound in the height.

Blessed, most blessed, all blessed is He

Whose life makes us whole, and whose death sets us free;

Who comes in the name of the Father of light;

Let endless hosannas resound in the height.

The earth is full of your glory, O Lord, and for the earth we give you thanks and ask your blessing. We now also 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.'

Christ is our Saviour, He died for our sin;

He rose from the grave to let new life begin;

We look for his coming in glory and might;

Let endless hosannas resound in the height.

And so, Lord, 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 and to make us worthy to please you. 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. Amen.

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We break the bread of life and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

INVITATION

Come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; You who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time; You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

When the priest raises the elements and says 'The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life' please reply with 'Amen'

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, you have lovingly called us to be your people and have given us this bread and wine as a reminder of your love. Cleanse us with your Holy Spirit, that renewed by this holy meal we may go forth into the world to serve your people, in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen.

LIGHTS-OUT PRAYER

Lord of all light, as we go forth into the world, we extinguish the lights that here represent the presence of the Holy in our midst.

ALL: But we will carry that light in our hearts, and we pray that as we go about our work in the world, we will shine with the love of God. Amen.

BLESSING

Jesus said, 'I am with you always.' May God the Creator bless you. May God the Son walk with you. May God the Spirit lead your lives with love, this day and for evermore. **Amen**