

# Christ Episcopal Church



Disciples making Disciples for Jesus Christ:  
By Encountering God, Equipping God's People,  
and Extending God's Kingdom

CELTIC WORSHIP

March 18, 2018

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 5 p.m.

## WELCOME GUESTS!

Christ Episcopal Church is a Christ-centered, joy-filled community that is blessed by your presence. Be assured that no matter who you are or where you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here.

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*Please observe a period of silence to center yourself before worship.*

## PRELUDE

"Nocturne in E Flat"

by Frederic Chopin

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*begun by the ringing of the Tibetan Singing bowl, standing*

Leader The sun rises daily because you, O Lord, command it:

All **Its splendor will not last, created gods all perish.**

Leader Christ the true Sun nothing can destroy:

All **The Splendor of God, he shall reign for ever.**

Leader Almighty Trinity, who in your providence chose your servant, Patrick, to be the apostle of the Irish, to boldly confront the kingdom of darkness, to baptize those who were lost and in error, and to bring them into the light and truth of your Word: give us his boldness, keep us in that light, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.** *(Celtic Worship Through the Year, pg. 167)*

## PREPARATION HYMN 142

"Lord, Who Through-out These Forty Days" Vs. 1-3

*sung by all, standing*

*found in the Blue Hymnal 1982*

## THE PRAYER FOR EVENING

Leader I arise today through a mighty strength, the strong name of the Trinity.

All **I arise today through the strength of Christ in His incarnation.**

Leader The strength of Christ in His baptism and His death on the Cross for my salvation;

All **His bursting from the burial tomb, His riding up the heavenly way;**

Leader Through the strength of His descent to the dead and His coming at the day of doom;

All **I arise today through God's strength to pilot me.**

Leader His might to uphold me, His wisdom to guide me, His ear to listen to my need.

All **God's shield to protect me, His host to secure me, alone or in a crowd.**

*(Celtic Worship Through the Year, p. 167-168)*

Leader We offer to you, Lord, the troubles of this day; we lay down our burdens at your feet. Forgive us our sins, give us your peace, and help us to receive your Word.  
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated.*

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.

The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."

So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Reader            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People            Thanks be to God.

SILENCE FOR TWO MINUTES

*begun and ended by the ringing of the Tibetan Singing bowl*

REFLECTION OF THE DAY

*A Haven*

Lord, take this song and fill it with Your presence. Let it bring a word of hope to weary care-full hearts. Take this song and fill it, Lord. Fill it with Yourself.

Lord, take my life and fill it with Your praises. Let me speak a word of peace that Jesus brings in me. Take this life and fill it, Lord. Fill it with Yourself.

Lord, take this place and fill it with Your blessing. Let it be a haven where the poor in spirit sing. Take this place and fill it, Lord. Fill it with your praise.

*Celtic Daily Prayer, pg. 63*

SILENCE FOR TWO MINUTES

*begun and ended by the ringing of the Tibetan Singing bowl*

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

*The Intercessor and People pray responsively*

Leader            We give you thanks, O Lord, that you are always present, in all things, each day and each night. We give you thanks for your gifts of creation, life and friendship. We give you thanks for the particular blessings of this day....

INTERCESSIONS

Leader            Lord, give us grace to turn adversity into advance for you...  
Lord, give us willingness to go anywhere for you...  
Lord, give us winsomeness to woo a rising generation for you....  
Lord, give us boldness to confront the seats of evil for you...  
Lord, give us faithfulness, to surmount disappointments for you...  
Lord, give us imagination to communicate the Truth for you...  
Lord, give us holiness to conquer the corroding invasion of worldly charms.

We bring before you, Lord, the sighing of the prisoners, the sorrows of the bereaved, the needs of those who are hostile, the failing powers of the old.

The Eternal Father, the eternal Spirit, the eternal Word, shield you on every side, protect you from every evil, and bring you to the land of Promise.

All                Amen.

**RESPONSE WLP 825**

"Bless the Lord, My Soul

*sung multiple times by all, standing**While we sing, you are welcome to come forward and light a candle for a prayer intention.*

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

**THE CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord, I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

*Silence*

Leader From all that is false and flirts with evil:

**All Good Lord, deliver us. (pause)**

Leader From the love of riches and from greed and envy:

**All Good Lord, deliver us. (pause)**

Leader From insensitive words and from discord and strife:

**All Good Lord, deliver us. (pause)**

Leader From manipulation and abuse of others:

**All Good Lord, deliver us. (pause)**

*Silence*

Leader Through Christ, God has put away your sin: approach your God in peace.

*(Celtic Worship Through the Year, p. 146)***THE PEACE**

Leader The Peace of Christ be always with you.

**All And also with you.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****THE HOLY COMMUNION****MUSIC MEDITATION**

"Le Cygne"

by Camille Saint-Saens

Evan Pillow, trumpet

*Collection plates are not passed through the congregation at this service. For your offerings, collections plates are located at each entrance of the church. We appreciate your generosity in supporting the mission and ministries of Christ Episcopal Church. The parish is supported primarily by its parishioners and friends.*

OFFERTORY HYMN, WLP 831 “Ubi caritas Deus ibi est” sung multiple times by all, standing

*Descant*

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

**A**

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.  
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

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u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i <sup>3</sup> bi est.  
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua <sup>3</sup> nō.

*Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, standing

from All Saints' Church, Pasadena, CA

Celebrant God dwells in you.

People **And also in you.**

Celebrant Come to the table with thankful hearts.

People **We open our hearts to God and to one another.**

Celebrant Creative God, source of all life, you are the vibrant energy dancing at the center of the universe! Through us you move, and through us you are made known to the world. Co-creators with you, we are emboldened to move beyond ourselves, to find the courage to let go of old ways and welcome new life.

And so, in concert with those of every generation who have been touched by your redeeming love, we lift our praise to you:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

On that evening in an upper room, with friends around him, Jesus blessed the bread, broke it, and shared it with all who gathered: This bread is my body, an offering of God's love for all. When you eat it, remember me. Taking the cup of wine, he blessed it and shared it with all who gathered: This wine is my blood, God's promise of new life for all. When you drink it, remember me. God, in the memory of Jesus who healed people and washed his disciples' feet, who loved children and honored outcasts, who fed people and turned water into wine, who died and rose to new and unending life, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine, making them the Body and Blood of Christ.

People and Celebrant                      Breathe through us, God, that our bodies, minds, souls, and spirits may be filled with your life-giving presence. Make us again a holy people, strongly bound to you, firmly rooted in the earth, with eyes to see all life as sacred. Empower us to spread the light of Christ in our wondrous and confusing world. AMEN.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Leader and People** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Leader            We are one bread, one body.

All We will love one another as Christ loves us.

Leader      The Gifts of God for you, the People of God. Come and meet the Risen Lord.

## AT COMMUNION

*All who wish to receive Jesus in the sacrament of his Body and Blood are invited to do so.*

*Receive the Bread (wafer) in the palm of your outstretched hands. (Gluten-free wafers are available; tell the Celebrant if you prefer that.) Receive the Wine, which follows, either by drinking from the chalice as it is extended to you, or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine.*

*If you would prefer a blessing instead of communion, please come to the altar at the same time. You may indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over the chest. When you return to your seats, please take a few moments to reflect on the gifts you have received.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

“Gymnopedie”

by Erik Satie

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*all standing*

Leader            Let us pray.

All                      Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE FOR LENT

## POSTLUDE

## “An Irish Blessing”

*You are welcome to remain in church for a short period to reflect.*

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE ADVENT CELTIC WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, APRIL 15, AT 5 P.M. (3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH).

## *ASSISTING IN WORSHIP*

*Celebrant: The Reverend Thomas E. Mathews Jr.*

*Flute and Soprano: Marlene Whittemore*

*Piano: Annabel Mendoza*

*Trumpet: Evan Pillow*



### **HOLY WEEK 2018 SCHEDULE**

#### **Palm Sunday- March 25**

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. JOY! and 10 a.m.

#### **Holy Monday- March 26**

Holy Eucharist 7 p.m.

#### **Holy Tuesday-March 27**

Holy Eucharist 7:30 a.m.

#### **Holy Wednesday- March 28**

Holy Eucharist 7:30 a.m.

#### **Maundy Thursday- March 29**

A soup & salad dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Holy Eucharist at 7:30 p.m.

Overnight vigil in church, beginning immediately after service.

#### **Good Friday- March 30**

Good Friday Liturgy with Communion and Veneration of the Cross at 7 a.m., 12 noon and **two** services at 7 p.m.- *Good Friday service with music in church plus Kid friendly service at 7pm in Sunday School area.*

#### **Holy Saturday-March 31**

Service of the Tomb 8 a.m.

#### **The Great Vigil of Easter- March 31**

Great Vigil: Lighting of new flame, Holy Eucharist and First Easter Service- 7:30 p.m.

#### **Easter Day- April 1**

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. JOY! and 10 a.m.

Easter egg hunt for the children will be held after the JOY! and 10 a.m. services.

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