

Celtic Communion for St. Luke's Day 18th October 2020

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Prayer:

All: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day
To the rising of this life itself.

All: Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose.
The hand of God between us and each hand,

All: The pain of Christ between us and each pain,
The love of Christ between us and each love.

All: O God, who brought us to the bright light of this new day
Bring us to the guiding light of eternity.

Hymn/Song:

Let us praise the God of all things.

All: How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of your hands!
**The heavens declare your glory,
the arch of the sky displays your handiwork.**

All: In your love you have given us the power,
**Power to behold the beauty of your world in all its
splendour.**

All: The sun and the stars, the valleys and the hills,
the rivers and the lakes, all disclose your presence.

All: The roaring breakers of the sea tell of your awesome might;
**the beasts of the field and the birds of the air proclaim
your wondrous will.**

All: In your goodness you have made us able to hear the music
of the world
**the voices of loved ones reveal to us that you are in our
midst.**

All: A divine song sings through all creation.
Amen

Confession and restoration

My brothers and sisters, not out of dread and fear,
But believing that God is faithful to forgive,
Let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer

All: **Eternal God, maker of the skies above,
Lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,
Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters,
In earth, sea and sky, You are there.**

**O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns,
Soul behind all souls, in everything we touch,
In everyone we meet, your presence is around us,
And we give you thanks**

**When we have not touched, but trampled your creation,
When we have not met, but missed you in one another,
When we have not received but rejected you in the poor
Forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.**

Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry
And seek to renew their lives;
Your sins are forgiven.
Go in peace.
Come and follow me.

All: **Lead us now, O God,
to acknowledge your costly generosity
by living as forgiven people,
until heaven and earth rejoice
and the whole earth cries Glory!
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.**

Collect

**Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Hymn/song:

1st Reading:

2 Timothy 4:5-17

⁵ But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.

⁶ As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. ⁸ And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

⁹ Timothy, please come as soon as you can. ¹⁰ Demas has deserted me because he loves the things of this life and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus has gone to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Bring Mark with you when you come, for he will be helpful to me in my ministry. ¹² I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, be sure to bring the coat I left with Carpus at Troas. Also bring my books, and especially my papers.

¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm, but the Lord will judge him for what he has done. ¹⁵ Be careful of him, for he fought against everything we said.

¹⁶ The first time I was brought before the judge, no one came with me. Everyone abandoned me. May it not be counted against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood with me and gave me strength so that I might preach the Good News in its entirety for all the Gentiles to hear. And he rescued me from certain death.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading:

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 10:1-9

10 The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit. ² These were his instructions to them: “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields. ³ Now go, and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. ⁴ Don’t take any money with you, nor a traveller’s bag, nor an extra pair of sandals. And don’t stop to greet anyone on the road.

⁵ “Whenever you enter someone’s home, first say, ‘May God’s peace be on this house.’ ⁶ If those who live there are peaceful, the blessing will stand; if they are not, the blessing will return to you. ⁷ Don’t move around from home to home. Stay in one place, eating and drinking what they provide. Don’t hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve their pay.

⁸ “If you enter a town and it welcomes you, eat whatever is set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick, and tell them, ‘The Kingdom of God is near you now.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

Affirmation of faith

All: **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, and acquainted with grief,
he died alone and 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 throughout all ages,
and His kingdom will come on earth.**

We believe in God within us,

**the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of all resurrection and of eternal life.
Amen**

Intercessions:

Sharing the peace

Not an easy peace,
not an insignificant peace,
not a half-hearted peace,
but the peace of God in Jesus Christ
be with you all

***All:* And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

Hymn/Song

Invitation to communion

The table of bread and wine is now ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus,
and all who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,
with whom Jesus identified himself.
It is the table of communion with the earth,
in which Christ became incarnate.

So 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 while
you who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed;
Come.
It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

***All:* Let us pray.
Loving God, through your goodness
we have this bread and wine to offer,
which earth has given
and human hands have made.
May we know your presence
in the sharing of this bread,
so that we may know your touch**

in all bread, in all matter.

**We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared,
among his community through the centuries,
and shares with us now.**

**Made one in Christ and one with each other,
we offer these gifts and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Amen.

The Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

***All:* And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

***All:* We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***All:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We offer you praise, dear God, with 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:

***All:* Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who walks with us on 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 for those who are not receiving you sacramentally,
we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

All: **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.
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours
Now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Communion

He whose table was open to all
is now present in this bread.
He whose word welcomed friend and stranger
offers friendship through this cup.

All: **With people everywhere we affirm
God's goodness at the heart of humanity,**

planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

Let us remember Jesus with the gifts of God and in our hearts with thanksgiving

All: Thanks be to God.

Post Communion Prayer

**All: Lord Jesus Christ,
you have put your life into our hands,
now we put our lives into yours.
Take us, renew and remake us.
What we have been is past;
what we shall be through you still awaits us.
Amen**

Hymn/ Song:

Blessing May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you:
wherever he may send you;
may he guide you through the wilderness:
protect you through the storm;
may he bring you home rejoicing:
at the wonders he has shown you;
and may he bring you home rejoicing
and the Blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be with you and all who you pray for, today and always.
Amen

Dismissal

**All: From where we are to where you need us,
Jesus now lead on.**