The Contemplative Church at All Saints'

"Be still and know I am God"

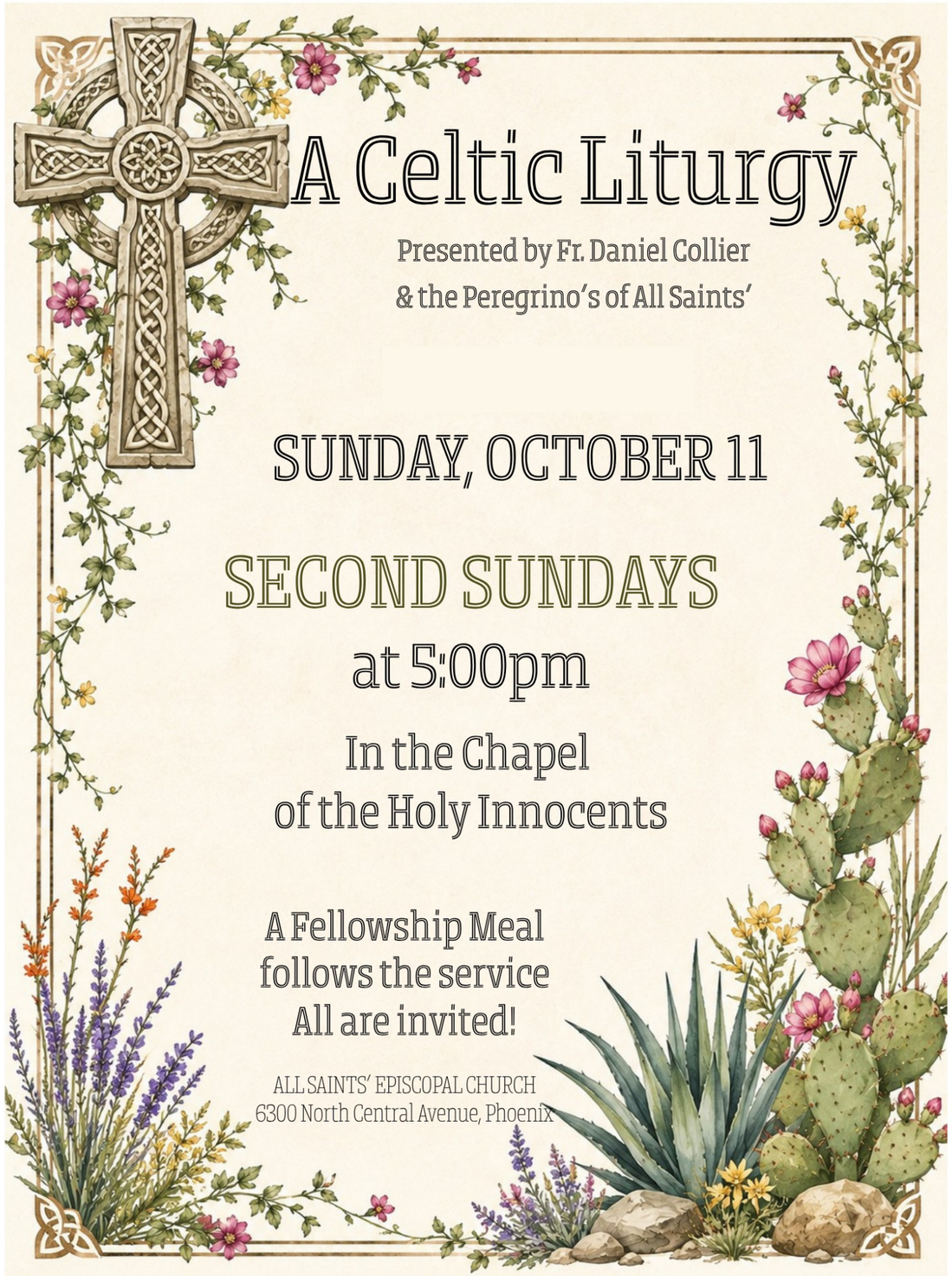
Psalm 46:10

CENTERING PRAYER
EVERY THURSDAY EVENING at 6-6:30pm
in the Holy innocents' Chapel
Join us for our 20-Minute Sit with Questions and Reflections after

MYSTICS STUDY GROUP
EVERY THURSDAY EVENING at 6:30-7:30pm
in Holy Innocents' Chapel
A study of the Mystics who lived the Contemplative life
in search of God's constant presence.
Our first book to read and discuss: The Naked Now.

ALSO SUNDAY MORNING CENTERING PRAYER at 9am
in Holy Innocents' Chapel

Questions?
Contact: Fr. Daniel at dcollier@allsaintsoncentral.org



Celtic Evening Liturgy

October 11, 2026 5:00pm
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

The Rev. Daniel Collier, Celebrant
Gavan McVey, Musician

Welcome to our service this evening. To foster a contemplative atmosphere, we ask that you please enter the space quietly—whether in the chapel or outside. The word liturgy literally means 'work of the people.' Though it means more than just that. It suggests a communal movement, harmony and synergy. Thus EVERYONE is encouraged to participate and is invited to speak out the prayers written in bold. We hope you will find restoration and replenishment in this time of prayer, music, candlelight, and silence.

PRELUDE MUSIC

POEM • Beatus vir qui non abiit (By Malcolm Guite)

Come to the place where every breath is praise,
And God is breathing through each passing breeze.
Be planted by the waterside and raise

Your arms with Christ beneath these rooted trees,
Who lift their breathing leaves up to the skies.
Be rooted too, as still and strong as these,

Open alike to sun and rain. Arise
From meditation by these waters. Bear
The fruit of that deep rootedness. Be wise

In the trees' long wisdom. Learn to share
The secret of their patience. Pass the day
In their green fastness and their quiet air.

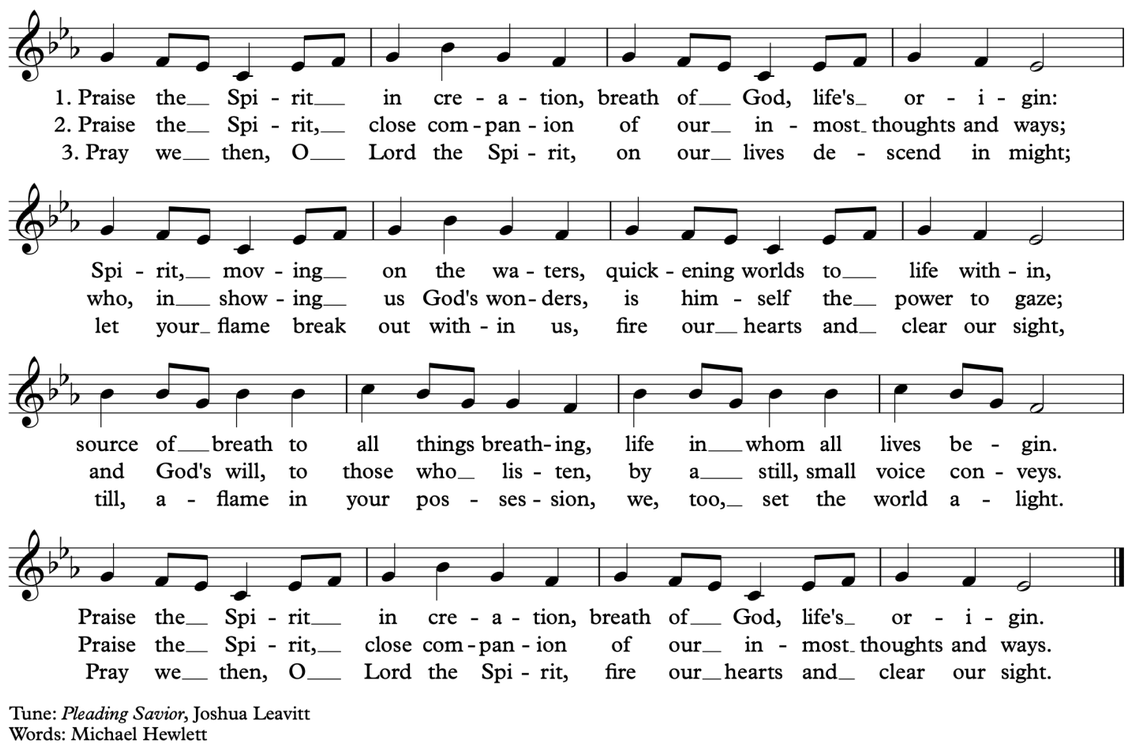
Slowly discern a life, a truth, a way,
Where simple being flowers in delight.
Then let the chaff of life just blow away.

Silence
THE COLLECT

Celebrant: Let us pray.
All: Almighty God, fount of all wisdom, crown of all knowledge; give us eyes to see and minds to understand your marvelous works, that we may know you through your handiwork and use your creations to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us sing together

CLOSING HYMN • Praise the spirit in creation



Tune: *Pleading Savior*, Joshua Leavitt
Words: Michael Hewlett

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Please join us for an agape meal in the Saint Barbara rooms following this service.

THE 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. For it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

COMMUNION
All are welcome at Christ's table. You may receive the communion in one or both kinds. Gluten-free wafers are available. To receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

AFTER COMMUNION
Please return to your seat or a meditation cushion for five minutes of silence. The silence will began after the ringing of the bell.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

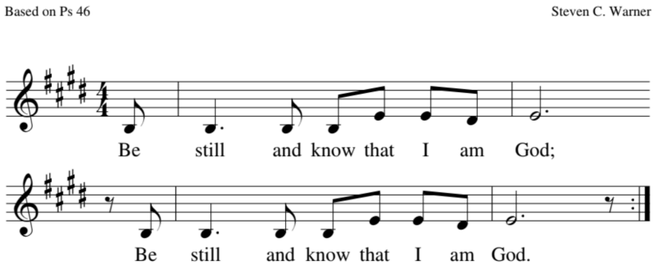
Silence

NIGHT PRAYER • from A New Zealand Prayer Book

Lord, it is night.
The night is for stillness.
Let us be still in the presence of God.
It is night after a long day.
What has been done has been done;
what has not been done has not been done; let it be.
The night is dark.
Let our fears of the darkness, of the world, and of our own lives rest in you.
The night is quiet.
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace.
The night heralds the dawn.
Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities.
In your name we pray. Amen.

THE BLESSING
Celebrant: Life is short,
And we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who
make the journey with us.
So … be swift to love,
and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of God,
who made us,
who loves us,
and who travels with us
be with you now and forever.
AMEN.

MUSICAL REFLECTION • Be Still and Know That I Am God



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God is a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, close to my distress.

Though all the waters may rage, the seas press all around, my God will be my strength. **ANTIPHON**

The rivers resound with great love, the city sings for joy, with God we will stand firm.

The Lord of creation is near, a stronghold deep within, "be still and know God's peace." **ANTIPHON**

Please stand as you are able.
GOSPEL • MATTHEW 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

MEDITATION • The Rev. Daniel Collier
Silence

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
In the silences that follow, some may wish to speak their prayers aloud, while others may wish to pray silently.

Celebrant: Let us open our hearts to God in prayer. We pray for the world *(silence)*
Creator of all, lead us and all people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.
Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care creatively for its resources.
We pray for the community *(silence)*
God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others,
That all may act with integrity and courage.
Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours,
May we serve Christ in one another and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need *(silence)*
God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.
Make us willing agents of your compassion.
Strengthen us to share in making people whole.

We pray especially for: **Don, Ian, Sally, Mike, Barb**

We remember those who have died and those who mourn *(silence)* O God into your hands we commend those we love but see no more.
Remembering **Tony Sissons, Marcia Knutson, Wally Vegors, Mark Towsley**
May they delight in your presence.
Give comfort to those who mourn.
Bring them peace in their time of loss.

Celebrant:
May God still our minds, calm our hearts, breathe fresh life into us, and make us instruments of peace, justice and compassion. **Amen.**

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING
During the music you are welcome to come forward to light votive candles as symbols of your prayers.
Tapers and votives are on stands at the front of the church.

COLLECT AFTER HEALING PRAYERS
Said by all
Keep watch, dear Lord,
with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, soiled the joyous, and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

THE PEACE
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2 • from Enriching Our Worship *You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

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.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, and gave it to them, and said: **Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.**

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: **Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.**

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fulness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER • from A New Zealand Prayer Book
As Christ teaches us we pray:

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and shall be, Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by all peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.