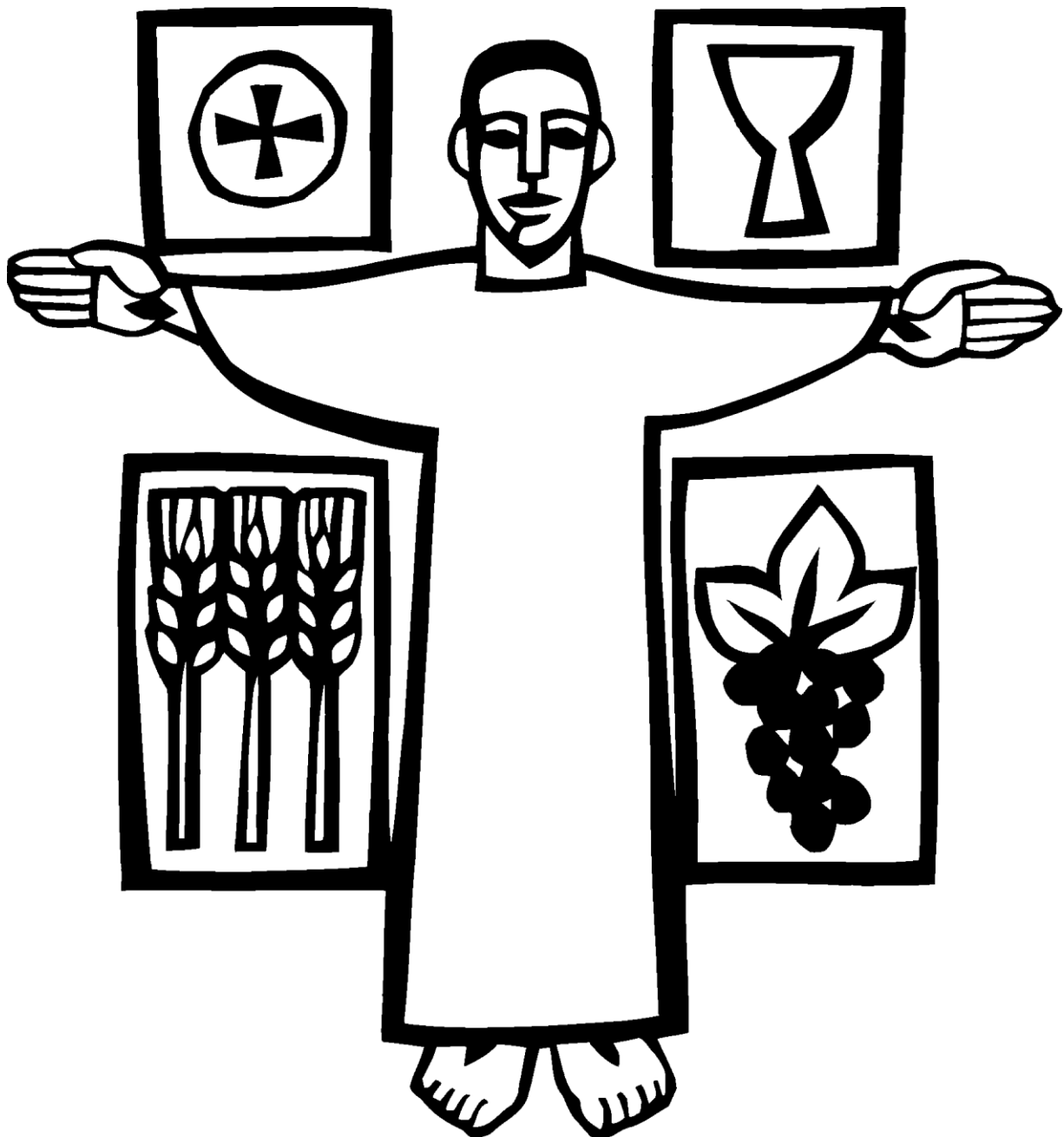


An Evening Service of
Holy Eucharist in the Celtic Tradition



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Woodbury, CT

The Rev. Tuesday J. Rupp, *Rector*

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Gathering Music

We stand.

The Opening Responses

Officiant: Creator of the world, eternal God, you call us each by name.

All: We your people have come from many places for a little while.

Officiant: Redeemer of humanity, God-with-us.

All: We have come with all our differences seeking common ground.

Officiant: So here in this place, let us take time together. For when paths cross and God's people gather, there is much to share and celebrate.

All: In your name, three-in-one God, pattern of community, we share your care and challenge. Amen.

Opening Song »

Prayer

Officiant: Let us pray.

God the Maker, maker of color, sound, texture, quietness, and the restless beauty in living things.

All: We bless you.

Officiant: God the Maker, maker of granite and mustard seed, of grey cloud and starlight, of earthquake and heartbeat.

All: We bless you.

Officiant: God the Maker, maker of all that is unseen, of all that has been, of all that words could never capture.

All: We bless you.

Officiant: God the Maker, we, the children of your love, the creatures of your kindness, the guardians of your creation, bless you.

All: We bless you for your making, your trusting, your loving, your never-ending goodness.

Amen.

We sit.

The Word of God »

The Lesson is read. After the reading,

Reader: Here what the Spirit is saying to the people.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm »

We stand.

The Gospel »

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel,

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

We sit.

The Homily

Our Affirmation

We stand and recite as indicated.

All: We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in and among us by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Minister: Before approaching your holy table, we now offer you praise for all our blessings and prayer for all the things on our hearts.

For the roots of our community and of all communities of faith,

All: We thank you, Living God.



Intercessor: For all we share together here, and for the life we share with others,

All: We thank you, Living God.

Intercessor: For the path that lies before us now, and our futures in your hands,

All: We thank you, Living God.

Intercessor: For all the blessings in our lives, we give thanks, and especially for those we now name:

All are invited to share their thanksgivings silently or aloud.

Intercessor: Grateful for all we've been given,

All: We thank you, Living God.

Intercessor: For all sufferers of natural disaster and the victims of human violence,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For all the hungry, the lonely, the homeless, those in prison, and for all those who serve them,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the sick, the suffering, and those recovering from illness, especially all those we now name:

All are invited to share their intercessions silently or aloud.

Intercessor: And for all who care for them,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For those who have died, especially those we now name:

All are invited to share their intercessions silently or aloud.

Intercessor: And for all who mourn their deaths,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: You are above us, O God; you are beneath. You are in the air; you are in the earth; you are beside us; you are within. O God, you are in the betrayed and suffering people of our world just as you were in the broken body of Jesus. Grant that we may know your resurrection as blessing and goodness in our lives.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Announcements

The Invitation to the Table

Celebrant: Come to this table where the living Christ offers us bread broken for our journey and wine poured out for our sorrows. Share together in this meal where loss finds comfort in promise and despair is transformed into hope.

Offertory Song »

The Offertory Sentences

All: 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 and 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 Great Thanksgiving

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.

Celebrant: 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, with the angels of light who envelop us and with our loved ones separate from us now, who yet in the mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Sanctus *Spoken by all*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Celebrant: On the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread and having blessed it he broke the bread and gave it to his friends, 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 friends saying, "This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood; take this, share it, and remember me."

Celebrant: Thus we profess the mystery of mysteries:

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Hear us O God 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 making us whole. And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray after the example of Jesus:

All: **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Communion: *All who seek God & a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice. Those who choose not to receive from the common cup can trust that Jesus' offering of himself is complete in the Bread. Gluten-free wafers are available. Respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." To receive a blessing instead, please indicate so by crossing your hands across your chest.*

Concluding Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Lord our God, we have gratefully received the body and blood of your Son, born of a woman, fulfilled in bread and wine. Grant that this sacrament may bring us the grace of your loving forgiveness, the reward of eternal redemption, and the presence of our friend and savior, Jesus, now and always. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: Jesus said, "I am with you always." Claim who you are and may God the Creator bless you. Use the gifts you have been given and may God the Son walk with you. Go forth into the world, and may God the Spirit lead your lives with love.

All: **Amen.**

Closing Song »

The Peace

Officiant: Not an easy peace, not an insignificant peace, not a half-hearted peace, but the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ is with us now. Let us go in peace to love and serve our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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