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# CELTIC SABBATH

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” *arr. P. Thurmond*  
“The Parting Glass” *Irish Folk*  
*“As the prelude begins, please observe a time of quietness in preparation for worship.”*

### Gathering in God’s Name

#### WELCOME

Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

#### PREPARING OUR HEARTS IN GRATEFUL SILENCE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 98:1-8

Sing to our God a new song.  
**God has done marvelous things!**  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord!  
**Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**  
Let the sea roar and all that fills it.  
**Let the world and its people sing together for joy!**

#### \*HYMN “God, You Spin the Whirling Planets” #23

- 1 God, you spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain,  
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine, wind,  
and rain.  
We, created in your image, would a true reflection be  
of your justice, grace, and mercy and truth that makes us free.
- 2 You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry.  
We respond in grateful worship joined in one community.  
When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole.  
Healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward  
your goal.
- 3 God, your word is still creating, calling us to life made new.  
Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there’s work to dare and do.  
Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.  
Thus, new creatures in your image, we’ll proclaim Christ  
everywhere.

\*HYMN “We Come to You for Healing, Lord” #796

- 1 We come to you for healing, Lord,  
of body, mind, and soul,  
and pray that by your Spirit’s touch  
we may again be whole.
- 2 As once you walked through ancient streets  
and reached toward those in pain,  
we know you come among us still  
with power to heal again.
- 3 You touch us through physicians’ skills,  
through nurses’ gifts of care,  
and through the love of faithful friends  
who lift our lives in prayer.
- 4 Through nights of pain and wakefulness,  
through days when strength runs low,  
grant us your gift of patience, Lord,  
your calming peace to know.
- 5 We come to you, O loving Lord,  
in our distress and pain,  
in trust that through our nights and days  
your grace will heal, sustain.

#### QUESTIONS OF EXAMEN

#### DECLARATION OF PARDON

#### **Proclaiming God’s Word**

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE

*John 15:9-17 NRSV*

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I

chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Acts 10:44-48 NRSV*

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### REFLECTION ON THE WORD

#### **Eucharist**

#### PRAYERS OF FAITHFULNESS & THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**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.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,**

**rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

The one who taught us to pray by saying:

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION from Psalm 103:1-2

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
**and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and forget not all God's benefits.**

#### STATEMENT & PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

##### Sending in God's Name

\*HYMN "Help Us Accept Each Other" #754

1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us a sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.
2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become.
3. Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.
4. Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on: renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!

#### \*BLESSING & EXTENSION OF PEACE

POSTLUDE "Cockles and Mussels" *Irish Folk*

*\*All those who are able may stand.*

#### Reflection for the Christian Life

In our Gospel lesson this week, Jesus speaks of his extreme love for us, calls us his friends, and says that he makes known to us everything that he hears from God. How does thinking of Christ as our friend—or Lord and Master—affect our daily living?

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TODAY** - Sunday, May 5th, 6th Sunday of Easter, 9:00 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary, 11:15 a.m. Celtic Sabbath in Fellowship Hall. Regular Sunday School Schedule.
- Monday, May 6th, Boy Scout Troop 53
- Tuesday, May 7th, Cub Scout Pack 150
- Wednesday, May 8th, Men's Breakfast at Gus's Keystone Restaurant 7:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 8th, PW Morning Circle, Conference Room 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 8th, Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 9th, Deacons Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 12th, 7th Sunday of Easter, 9:00 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary, 11:15 a.m. Celtic Sabbath in Fellowship Hall. Regular Sunday School Schedule.