

St. Anne's Celtic Eucharist



***St. Anne's Mission Statement:
Knowing that all things come from God, we seek to manifest the love of Christ
through worship, justice, and community.***

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Celebrant: We meet in the name of God:

All: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Celebrant: The Lord of glory be with you

All: The Lord of glory bless you.

Celebrant: From mist and darkness, from restful waters

All: God gathers us.

Celebrant: From health and sickness, from plenty and poverty

All: God gathers us.

Celebrant: From highroads and byways, from fields and cities

All: God gathers us.

Celebrant: To a feast, a banquet, to life eternal

All: God gathers

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Celebrant: Whoever is on the Lord's side, let them join with me, that we may come to the visions of God.

My sisters and brothers, believing that God is faithful to forgive us, let us let go of all that holds us back and damages our friendship with God and with one another:

Forgiving God, thank you that you love us and care for us all the time. We have not always lived the way you tell us to.

All: Forgive us when we have done wrong things.

Celebrant: When we have not done the good things we should have done.

All: Forgive us, and help us to live as your friends once more.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy. Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Be joyful; our saving God stretches out His hand,
Reaching out towards us, to announce a loving
Forgiveness. All who are truly sorry, all who
Forgive, all will be forgiven. Be at peace, the Lord's
Pardon makes us whole once more.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant: Creator of the fruitful earth, you have made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human

family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE READINGS

Celebrant: Let us prepare ourselves to hear God's word, as it comes to us in Scripture.

All: Lord, open our hearts and minds to your word.

At the end the reader says:

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

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

All stand

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Celebrant: For the word of God in Scripture, For the word of God among us,

For the word of God within us,

All: Praise to Christ the Word.

A period of silence will follow the reading of the gospel. The celebrant will conclude the silence by saying, "Amen."

THE CREED

Celebrant: Let us declare our faith in God

All: We believe in God whose goodness is more than enough for all:

filling the universe with gifts of love

and resounding through our lives in praise. We will take hold of all that God gives

with reverence and joy;

we will make God known in the breaking of bread, we will share the life-giving wine,

so that all may see and experience God's love.

We believe in Jesus the Christ God's greatest gift of all:

who takes the smallest of seeds, a mere whisper of faith,

and brings forth a harvest of good things. We will take all that Christ has given

us; our gifts, our talents, our very selves,

so that Christ can walk our streets once more.

We believe in God's Spirit of Truth, bringing to fruition all that has been given: gentle as a breeze or shocking as a storm, we will allow God's gifts to be stirred to life in us; breathing, laughing, living in our world, so all may know of God's harvest of Love. Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

If you have prayers you would like to offer out loud, please conclude your prayer by saying, "This is my prayer." We will respond corporately, "This is our prayer."

At the end:

**Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus
Christ. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: Those who sow in peace shall reap a harvest of joy and love. We are met in Christ's name. Let us share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Celebrant: The table of bread and wine is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus and with all those who love him.

**All: Beloved God, you spread before us a table of plenty, and give us the cup of new life to drink. Receive all we offer this day with our grateful thanks and praise.
Amen.**

Eucharist Hymn

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant: The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Indeed it is right to give you thanks and praise, O God: out of chaos and darkness you have created light and an abundance of life.

From the depths of winter, the new life of spring and the warmth of summer, you have brought forth a harvest of bounty. Your world is indeed good.

Through your Son, who lived and toiled, wept and laughed among us, you were one with us in human flesh. You sent your Spirit to bring new life to tired bones and souls, causing living water to spring from dry, thirsty places and putting a new song on our lips.

So, together with all your saints and angels, with prophets and martyrs, the living and the departed, we sing to you a hymn of unending praise...

**All: 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.**

Celebrant: Glory and honour to you, God our life, for the gift of Jesus our Lord. Christ is the first fruit of your creation,

with you before time, bringing all to completion through his death on a cross.

By your power you raised him: evil can never overcome your love. You set us free to be your body, serving you in the world.

On the night before he died, knowing that his time had come, while at supper with his disciples, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, and broke it, saying:

'Take, eat. This is my Body, broken for you.'

After supper he took the cup, gave you thanks, and gave it to them, saying:

'Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me.'

We do now what Christ taught us:

we remember his death and resurrection and look forward to that day when all will be complete in him. We offer ourselves and all that we are:

our gifts and talents, our strengths and weaknesses, to the glory and honour of your name.

Christ is the bread of life:

All: when we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Celebrant: Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle upon this

bread and wine and bless them with the fullness of Jesus.

All: **And let that same Spirit rest on us, too, converting us from the patterns of this world, until we become more like Jesus, whose food we now share. Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

God's love reaches out to us

All: **Our Father in heaven**

Celebrant: This place is sacred ground.

All: **Hallowed be your name**

Celebrant: May our lives reflect God's glory:

All: **Your kingdom come**

Celebrant: May our thoughts reflect God's thoughts

All: **Your will be done**

Celebrant: We long for deep peace:

All: **On earth as it is in heaven.**

Celebrant: Love blesses life, knowing earth will provide.

All: **Give us this day our daily bread**

Celebrant: Where love falls short:

All: **Forgive our sins**

Celebrant: Let justice prevail.

All: **As we forgive those who sin against us**

Celebrant: Prevent the chaos that leads to wrong-doing:

All: **Lead us not into temptation**

Celebrant: For grace is strong where freedom is found.

All: **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

Celebrant: The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

All: **Lord, unite us in this sign.**

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

Celebrant: This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So,

come, you who have much faith and you who have little; Come, not because it is I who invites you - it is the invitation of the Lord. It is his will that those who want to should meet him here Blessed be God:

All: Giver of the Bread of Life

Celebrant: The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life

All: Amen

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us.
So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.

All: Amen.

**All: Lord,
We have broken your bread and received
your life.
By the power of your Spirit keep us always in
your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CLOSING RESPONSES

Celebrant: Christ's food in our souls

All: Our food shared like his

Celebrant: Christ's life in our hands

All: Our lives shaped by his

Celebrant: Christ's love in our hearts

All: Our love warmed through his

Celebrant: Christ's peace on our path

All: Our path following his

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: God of seedtime and harvest:
Creator, Son and Holy Spirit,
bless us and strengthen us to live and blossom and bear good
fruit
to your praise and glory.

And now I bless you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Sacred
Spirit: the One and the Three.

May God give you to drink of his cup; may the sun be
bright upon you; may the night call down peace;
and when you come to his household
may the door be open wide for you to go in to your joy.

All: Amen.

Deacon: Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth
the fruits of righteousness.
The Eucharist is ended, our service must now begin. Let us go in peace
to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Thank you for joining us for worship. Please visit www.stanneswinstonsalem.org for more information about our parish.

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