

# The Cathedral Church of All Saints



# A Celtic Liturgy for the Season of Epiphany

*\*Please save me for next week\**



## Welcome!

I am delighted to have you with us today for this service of worship. Please, stay awhile. Get to know us better. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

We at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, are a diverse lot, from many Christian backgrounds, non-Christian backgrounds, and no faith backgrounds. We come for Christian community, to find God in relationships with neighbours and new friends. We come for lessons from the incredible life of Jesus Christ. We come for spiritual rest, time to think, pray, and center on God, for comfort in hard times, and gratitude in good times. We come to serve God, each other, and the world. We're not perfect. We trust in God's gentle grace and unconditional love. We seek meaning for the life God has gifted us.

You are invited to God's table to receive communion (gluten free wafers are available). We welcome you, no matter who you are, or what you look like, or what labels the world puts on you. We welcome you if, like us, you struggle with flaws and imperfection but have a loving spirit and strive to let the light of Jesus shine within you and then to share it with others. We dare to welcome all because God, and not any human authority, extends this gracious invitation. If you wish not to receive Holy Communion you may still come forward for a blessing, simply fold your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. You are also welcomed to remain seated during this time.

In this leaflet, you will find most everything you need to follow along throughout the service. Whether you have been attending the Cathedral Church your whole life or this is your first time here, you are invited to participate in the service as fully as you feel comfortable doing and are able to.

Peace and Joy,



*The Very Rev. Paul Smith, Rector,  
and Dean of the Cathedral Church of All Saints*

# The Holy Eucharist ~ a Celtic Liturgy\*

## Welcome/Announcements

### Territorial Acknowledgement

**Presider:** We begin by acknowledging that we are in Mi'kma'ki , the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) People first signed with the British Crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

**People:** **We give thanks for this land and all those who have stewarded it; for their stories and for their lives – past, present, and future. We commit ourselves to prayerfully seek reconciliation, justice and healing that we might listen and learn to be faithful stewards of this good land and live in right relationship.** *(Land Acknowledgement adapted with permission from The Emmaus Community, Victoria, B.C.)*

### Opening Hymn *[see insert]*

### The Gathering of the Community

*The presiding celebrant greets the community*

**Leader:** God of proclamation and epiphany,

**All:** Through the words of prophets and angels

**you reveal the possibilities of a different way for the world ...**

**Leader:** God of encounter and epiphany,

**All:** Through the life and actions of Jesus

**you reveal the passionate love**

**at the heart of your Kingdom ...**

**Leader:** God of epiphany and challenge,

as we hear your word now in scripture, sermon and song –

**All:** Open our knowing and understanding

**to your patterns and their possibilities.**

**Leader:** God of epiphany and change,  
as we encounter your Word now in story, bread and wine

**All:** Open our patterns and possibilities  
to the transforming power of your love  
and send us on by a different way.

**The Collect of the Day [see insert]**

**The Proclamation of the Word [see insert]**

**Reader:** Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us  
in the reading of Holy Scripture.

**All:** Our hearts and minds are open.

**Scripture Readings**

**Psalm: [see insert]**

**Gospel Chant**

**The Gospel Proclamation**

*All stand for the Gospel.*

**Deacon** The Lord be with you

**People** And also with you.

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

**People** Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,*

The Gospel of Christ.

**People** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Homily**

*A silence for reflection may follow.*

**Affirmation of Belief** Affirming the Church's Mission -  
(from the Iona Community)

**Leader:** That we worship one God; Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, in whose image we are made, to whose service we are summoned, by whose presence we are renewed:

**All:** **This we believe.**

**Leader:** That it is central to the mission of Christ that we participate through word and action to rejoice in the diversity of human culture, to preserve the earth in all its beauty and frailty, to witness to the love of God for every person, and to invite all to share in that converting experience:

**All:** **This we believe.**

**Leader:** That through the power of the Holy Spirit, the persecuted shall be lifted up and the wicked will fall, the heartfelt prayers and hidden actions of God's people shall change for good the course of human history, the ancient words of scripture shall continue to startle us with fresh insight:

**All:** **This we believe.**

**Leader:** That God has called the Church into being to be the servant of the kingdom, to be a sign of God's new order, to celebrate in every land worship which raises our hearts to heaven:

**All:** **This we believe.**

**Leader:** That Christ, fully aware of our differences, prays that we may be one so that the world may believe:

**All:** **This we believe and to this we are committed,  
for the love of God, in the way of Christ,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

**The Prayers of the People** *[these are crafted by the Lay Minister]*



## Confession and Absolution

*Leader:* Epiphany God

waiting to be seen and known –

**All: forgive us for those times when submersion in unthinking routine  
has dulled our perception of your Presence  
and thwarted its life-changing possibilities.**

*silence/kyrie*

*Leader:* Epiphany God

waiting to comfort and restore –

**All: forgive us for those moments when pride or fear  
has restricted our openness to your Presence  
and impeded its healing possibilities.**

*silence/kyrie*

*Leader:* Epiphany God

waiting to challenge and transform –

**All: forgive us for those occasions  
when preoccupation with comfort and familiarity  
has stifled our response to your Presence  
and subverted its radical possibilities.**

*silence/kyrie*

*Leader:* Epiphany God – bright Morning Star,

**All: may we know your Presence with us now,  
and, in opening ourselves to embrace its possibilities,  
find different ways by which to journey onwards.**

*Leader:* Hear now the words of Jesus for all who truly repent  
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.

### **The Peace**

*All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.*

**Leader:** May the peace of the Epiphany God –  
the joyful peace of finding,  
the enlightening peace of seeing,  
the challenging peace of understanding,  
the radical peace of following a different route –  
energise and encourage you as you travel onwards.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

### **Preparation Hymn {see insert}**

### **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Presider:** Here, at this table,  
under the welcoming light of a morning star,  
the God of epiphanies waits to be encountered.  
So – though you may be weary and worn by your journey  
or stained and sore with travel –  
look up and see the star,  
lay aside your packs,  
bend beneath the lintel,  
and enter with joy  
for God waits within –  
to refresh and renew,  
to comfort and restore,  
to challenge and transform,  
to know ... and be known.



## The Prayer over the Gifts

*All* Good and loving God,  
we rejoice in the birth of Jesus,  
who came among the poor  
to bring the riches of your grace.  
As you have blessed us with your gifts,  
let them be a blessing for others.  
With the trees of the field,  
with all earth and heaven,  
we shout for joy at the coming of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006) alt.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* And also with you  
*Presider:* Lift up your hearts  
*People:* We lift them up to God.  
*Presider:* Let us give thanks to God.  
*People:* It is right to give both thanks and praise.

*Presider:* So now, gathered round his table,  
we recall and recount  
how the Epiphany God  
made himself known  
in the actions and words of Jesus  
as he shared a last supper with his friends:  
We remember how the humble service of washing feet  
revealed the shape of God's Kingdom;  
how the blessing, breaking and sharing of bread  
revealed the pattern of God's life;  
(*the bread may be broken*)

how the blessing, pouring and sharing of wine  
revealed the depth of God's love;  
(*the wine may be poured*)

and recalling and treasuring these things  
we join our voices with those of all creation  
in recognition and celebration  
of the grace and goodness of God  
present and at work in the world.

### **Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)**

Kate Heichler, 2000

*All:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Hea-ven and earth are  
full of your glo-ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed, bless-ed, bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san-na in the high est, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Epiphany God,  
send down your Holy Spirit now  
on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine –  
that as they become the body and blood of our Saviour,  
we might recognize and know you present with us here,  
and in receiving the gifts of your love  
find ourselves restored and renewed,  
through the power of your Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

*People* Amen.

*Presider* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The presider breaks the consecrated bread for distribution*

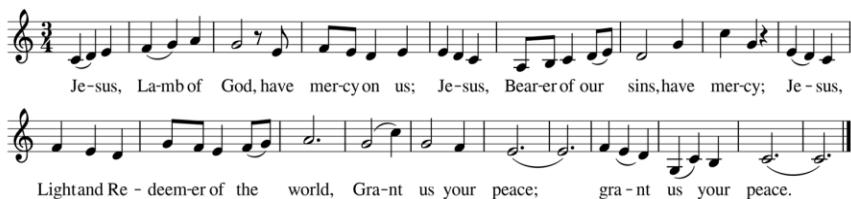
**Presider:** Under the welcoming light of a morning star  
the table has been set, and God waits for us to bend beneath the lintel  
and come into his house, to see his face and to share his feast.

**Presider**      The gifts of God for the People of God.

**All**      **Thanks be to God.**

## Jesus, Lamb of God

Kate Heichler, 2004



Je-sus, La-mb of God, have mer-cy on us; Je-sus, Bear-er of our sins, have mer-cy; Je-sus,  
Light and Re-deem-er of the world, Gra nt us your peace; gra nt us your peace.

## The Communion



*We invite you to come forward to receive the bread and wine. Please take a cup from the table to receive the wine of the Eucharist, you may leave the cup in the tray as you return to your seat. You are also welcome to come forward for a prayer of blessing should you choose not to receive. We are happy to come to you at your seat should you desire.*

## Hymn during Communion [see insert]



## Prayer after Communion

*Leader:* Emmanuel – bright Morning Star:

*All:* Give us the perseverance and courage  
to seek out and approach you,  
wherever you are to be found.

*Leader:* Emmanuel – bright Morning Star:

*All:* Grant us the vision and understanding  
to see and recognise you,  
whenever we might meet you.

*Leader:* Emmanuel – bright Morning Star:

*All:* Gift us the grace and generosity  
to respond freely and fully,  
whatever you might ask of us.  
So may our loving and living become, in their turn,  
places of epiphany where you can be recognised  
and known, and the transforming life of your Kingdom  
be unleashed. Amen

## The Blessing:

*Presider:* Now go in peace,  
do what God wills, follow where Christ calls,  
pray for the gifts of the Spirit;  
and the blessing of God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer  
rest on, and remain with you, now and always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn *[see insert]*

## The Sending *by the Deacon (in these or other words):*

Go forth in the name of Christ.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude



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