



Celtic Worship

Christ Lutheran Church

Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

8am and 11am

Our God is the God of all,
the God of heaven and earth,
of the sea and the rivers,
the God of the sun
and of the moon
and of all the stars;
the God of lofty mountains
and of the lowly valleys
God's dwelling is around
heaven and earth, and sea
and all that in them is.

St. Patrick

Celtic Worship

The early Celtic Traditions arose from people who had at the center of their life simplicity, authenticity, and holiness. In the midst of their simple lives, they took Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount at face value and dared to live it. The faith and practice of the Celtic Churches began in the first thousand years of the history of the church.

Service of the Word

Gathering for worship is a joy and privilege. Worship is the work of the people, gathered to praise God, to pray for ourselves and our neighbors, to nourish our hearts, souls and minds by dwelling in God's word receiving and renewing us through Christ's deep abiding peace.

Lectio Divina

As part of our practice of dwelling in God's word we will be practicing the Lectio Divina tradition [which is praying the scriptures] for our time of meditation. The great thing about this kind of meditation is that we don't have to be clever. The less clever we are the better. God will do the work. Our contribution is to learn to be present and listen. There is far too much in this Scripture to deal with at one time. You don't have to finish the passage in one sitting. It could last you weeks. Take your time. It's your time, time that God is giving to you.

The six (6) Rs of Lectio Divina are:

- Relax
- Read (in worship listen and/or read as you desire)
- Ruminate
- Relish
- Respond
- Review

Our practice in worship today will be listening, learning to lean into the silences, the "in-between."

From listening we move to speaking in our minds and hearts softly, thoughtfully –
perhaps in anguish, confession or sorrow;
perhaps in joy, praise, thanksgiving or adoration;
perhaps in anger, confusion or hurt;
perhaps in quiet confidence, trust or surrender.

Finally, after pouring out our heart to God, we come to rest simply and deeply in that wonderful, loving presence of God.

Reading Reflecting Responding Resting

This is the basic rhythm of our time together.

There is more silence in this service than we normally experience in worship.

The Leader's read the portion in light text.

All congregation are responses in bold.

The songs and hymns should only be sung by a soloist or done instrumentally or pre-recorded music. Please remember that it is important that we stay physically distant and masked to help protect one another's health. Worshippers should by household remain at least 6 feet apart. Those speaking should be at least 10 feet and those singing or playing a wind instrument at least 20 feet. The breath with which we project our voices is powerful and may carry tiny particles, along with our lovely melodies a great distance.

Welcome

Confession

We think about our own sinful actions and attitudes

We continue in silence for personal confession.

Have mercy on us, O God the Almighty
Jesus Christ son of the living God
O God come to our aid
O Lord make haste to help each of us,
For you are our hope and salvation.
 forgive us
 guide us.

We conclude our confession saying:

**Glory be to the Father, and to the † Son: and to the Holy Spirit.
as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am
ELW 814

Take, oh, take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The piano accompaniment starts with a bass clef and the same key signature. The lyrics for the first system are: 'Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;'. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: 'set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.'.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell
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Invocation

This morning we begin in the threefold name of God

God the Father,

God the † Son,

and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

This morning we shield ourselves with the loving power of the Trinity

God to enfold us,

God to surround us,

God to redeem us.

God in our thinking,

God in our speaking,

God in our silences.

God in our praying,

God in our praising,

God in our hoping.

God in our watching,
God in our sleeping,
God in our waking.

This day we acknowledge the power of Christ's presence in our lives.

The congregation responds saying:

This morning I believe in the Threeness,

I profess the Oneness,

**This morning I acknowledge the power
of Christ's presence in my life. Amen**

Meditation

Lectio Divina

*This morning we will be praying the scriptures for meditation on the word of God
three times.*

Mark 8:31-39

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Homily

A time of silence is observed for contemplation.

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said
ELW 667

- 1 "Take up your cross," the Savior said,
"if you would my disciple be;
forsake the past, and come this day,
and humbly follow after me."
- 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
pervade your soul with vain alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
sustain your heart, and nerve your arm.
- 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let your foolish heart rebel;
for you the Lord endured the cross
to save your soul from death and hell.
- 4 Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for those who humbly bear the cross
one day will wear the glorious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814-1877, alt.

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

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 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,

"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
 per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
 nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
 nor think till death to lay it down;

for - sake the past, and come this day,
 his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
 for you the Lord en - dured the cross
 for those who hum - bly bear the cross

and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
 sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
 to save your soul from death and hell.
 one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

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 Music: BOURBON, W. Hauser, *Hesperian Harp*, 1848; arr. hymnal version
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The Bidding Prayer

We pray with expectant faith to God, confident in God's love and infinite wisdom.

We pray to be filled with Christ's Spirit, that we may overflow with streams of living water as we care for a world thirsty for God.

We pray for the elderly, the sick, the needy, those displaced by tragedy and injustice, and the lonely among us; that they may receive comfort, companionship and care from those around them.

We pray that those who have been persecuted or seriously wronged by others, so that they may experience warmth and love with Christ and be able to forgive those who have hurt them.

We pray for ourselves, that when we are discouraged, we may know the fullness of the Spirit and find strength in God who created and sustains us.

We pray for the trust and openness to give our hearts and lives to God as Jesus did.

A time of silence is kept for personal prayer.

The Peace

Lord, peace you commanded,
peace You gave us,
peace You have left us.
Grant us Your peace from heaven
and order this morning
and all the days of our life in Your peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us take a moment to share God's peace.

The Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Mahalo nui loa to everyone is who able to continue with their offerings.

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The Great 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 God thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and ever living **G**od,
We do well always and everywhere to give
Thou thanks through **J**esus **C**hrist our **L**ord.
Thou **O** **F**ather,

with your only begotten **S**on
and the **H**oly **S**pirit are **G**od.

Thou are **G**od, one and immortal;
Thou are **G**od, who has rescued us from darkness;
Thou are **G**od, who has increased our joy;
Thou are **G**od, wonderful and worthy of praise;
Thou are **G**od, strong and worthy of honour;
Thou are **G**od, living and true;
Thou are **G**od, wise and powerful;
Thou are **G**od, awesome and peace-loving;

You are God, pure and kind;
You are God, blessed and just;
You are God, tender and holy;
You are God, not in singularity of one person,
but in the Trinity of substance.

The congregation responds saying:

**We believe in You
We bless You
We adore You;
and praise Your name for evermore.
We praise You
through Christ who is the salvation of the universe;
through Christ who is the life of human beings;
through Christ who is the resurrection of the dead.**

Through him the angels praise your majesty;
the kingdoms adore you;
the powers of the heaven of heavens tremble;
the virtues and blessed seraphim
concelebrate in exultation,
and bless your holy name.

So grant, we pray you.
that our voices may be admitted to that of the chorus,
in humble declaration of
your glory, as we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy
ELW 473 / W&P 62

The musical score is written for a two-part setting, likely SATB. The top part is in treble clef and the bottom part is in bass clef. The music is in 4/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic, with the lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are in Spanish and English. The first system covers the first two lines of the lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The music ends with a double bar line.

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra-zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra-zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

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The Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, Great Lover and Judge of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him and his cruciform way of life should not perish,

but taste here and now of your eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus,
whom we acclaim as your Crucified Christ.

Let him be our Light and Salvation in this great darkness.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
And the heart of our community of faith;
Enlighten our minds,
form our bodies into the Body of Christ;
that we may receive our Lord Jesus with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

The Lord's Prayer

We pray together:

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, forever and ever. Amen

The Communion

The Queen's Prayer

☉ kou aloha no A ia I ka lani
A o kou oia io He hemolele hoi. Amene.

The Announcements

The Blessing

May the strength of God guide you.
may the power of God preserve you.
may the wisdom of God instruct you.
may the hand of God protect you.
may the way of God direct you.
may the shield of God defend you.
may the angels of God guard you.
- against the snares of the evil one.

The congregation responds saying:

Christ be with me!
Christ be before me!
Christ be in me,
Christ be over all!

May thy grace, O Lord,
always be ours,
this day and forevermore. Amen.

I bless you in the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit,
the One and Three.
Amen.

Christ, Be Our Light
ELW 715 refrain

- 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

- 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

- 3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

- 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

- 5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

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Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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Dismissal

Go in peace.

I go in peace to serve the Lord.

A prayer to take with you

The Prayer of Saint Patrick

I arise today

Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,

Through a belief in the Threeness,

Through confession of the Oneness

Of the Creator of creation.

I arise today

Through the strength of Christ's birth and His baptism,

Through the strength of His crucifixion and His burial,

Through the strength of His resurrection and His ascension,

Through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.

I arise today

Through the strength of the love of cherubim,

In obedience of angels,

In service of archangels,

In the hope of resurrection to meet with reward,

In the prayers of patriarchs,

In preachings of the apostles,

In faiths of confessors,

In innocence of virgins,

In deeds of righteous men.

I arise today

Through the strength of heaven;

Light of the sun,

Splendor of fire,

Speed of lightning,

Swiftness of the wind,

Depth of the sea,

Stability of the earth,

Firmness of the rock.

I arise today

Through God's strength to pilot me;

God's might to uphold me,

God's wisdom to guide me,

God's eye to look before me,

God's ear to hear me,

God's word to speak for me,

God's hand to guard me,

God's way to lie before me,

God's shield to protect me,

God's hosts to save me

From snares of the devil,

From temptations of vices,

From every one who desires me ill,

Afar and anear,
Alone or in a multitude.
I summon today all these powers between me and evil,
Against every cruel merciless power that opposes my body and soul,
Against incantations of false prophets,
Against black laws of pagandom,
Against false laws of heretics,
Against craft of idolatry,
Against spells of women and smiths and wizards,
Against every knowledge that corrupts man's body and soul.
Christ shield me today
Against poison, against burning,
Against drowning, against wounding,
So that reward may come to me in abundance.
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.
I arise today
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through a belief in the Threeness,
Through a confession of the Oneness
Of the Creator of creation.

Recovering reliable historical information about many of the saints is difficult if not impossible, and Saint Patrick (c. 390–461) is no exception. Born in Scotland, Patrick was imprisoned and taken to Ireland when he was about sixteen years old. He returned to Scotland, only to have a dream in which the people of Ireland called out to him, “we beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once again.” He did return, and although the details are obscure and the legends are large, he wandered and ministered in Ireland for over thirty years, converting the nation.