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St Hilda's Day

Celtic Eucharist

St Hilda's, Upper Hutt, New Zealand

19th November, 2017

Processional Singing—"I, The Lord of Sea and Sky"

We Gather In

In this day which God made we are warmed by the sun,
And we rejoice in the presence of God's Son.

Let us worship the God who created all things,
And afterwards created humanity.

Let us worship the God who created moon and stars,
Hallowed be God's name.

Who watches over us, unsleeping, day and night,
Hallowed be God's name.

In the midst of the Day we pause to reflect on God,
And let God's people say, Amen.
Amen.

Let minds unwind, hearts be still, bodies relax,
And let God's people say, Amen.
Amen.

In daytime and in night time, Let God's holy name be praised,
And let God's people say, Amen.
Amen.

We Create a Sacred Space

We will light a light in the name of God,
Who is the Creator of all life.

We will light a light in the name of the Son,
Who gives us new life.

We will light a light in the name of the Spirit,
Whose presence makes all creation holy.

Please stand.

[Three candles on the altar are lit, one by one.]

We Give Praise

Creator God, because you make all that draws forth our praise and the forms in which to express it,
We praise you.

Because you make artists of us all, awakening courage to look again at what is taken for granted, grace to share these insights with others, vision to reveal the future already in being,
We praise you.

Because you form your Word among us, and in your great work embrace all human experience, even death itself, inspiring our resurrection song,
We praise you. Yours is the glory.

Together we pray in all we that do, today, tonight, and for ever,
Lord, reveal in us your glory, stir in us your power, open in us your love, work in us your miracles, show in us your way, renew in us your kingdom—abide in us Yourself. Amen.

We Praise God in Song— “I Bind Myself to You This Day”

We Give Thanks— “God's Surprise”

We give you thanks, O God, for calling us together on this holy day and for sustaining us with this holy meal. This place is sacred, this time is sacred, and in this place and this time, we have shared a mystery. May we in every place and time recognize the sacredness of life, and may we accept the mystery as we accept your love.

[The three altar candles are extinguished, one by one.]

Wherever we go, may the joy of God the gracious One
Be with us.

Wherever we go, may the face of Christ the kindly
Be with us.

Wherever we go, may the compassing of the Spirit of grace
Be with us.

Wherever we go, the presence of the Trinity around us
To bless and to keep us.

May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ go with you,
Wherever He may send you.

May He guide you
through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders he has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.

Amen.

We Leave with Praise— “Old Gaelic Blessing”

So with everything that we see and sense around us, with visible and invisible energies that pulse with life, we join our souls in the song that vibrates throughout the whole of creation.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O God of all creation, your glory knows no bounds, and your love is without end. Blessed is Jesus, who in life and death revealed your glory and lived in your love. He taught his friends that to find life was first to lose it, and he spoke of the suffering that would be his.

On the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 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 covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

[Space of silence]

Come upon us with your Holy Spirit, O God, and upon this bread and this wine, that we may be renewed once again, and that as the whole of life is made new, we may find your peace within and around us. We ask this in the Name of God who creates us, who redeems us, and who sustains us. Amen.

[Fraction]

Bread of life, nourish our souls. Light of the world, shine in our hearts.

[Communion]

6.

We Hear the Word

Psalm 131

Judges 4: 4-5 & Ephesians 4: 1-6

Luke 14: 7-14

We Explore the Way

Christine Cuthbert—St Hilda's, Island Bay, Wellington

Other Testimony

Terry Alve—St Hilda's Stained Glass Window & Connections

We Affirm Our Faith: Tírechán's Creed

Please Stand

Together let us affirm our faith in the words of Tírechán, seventh-century Irish bishop and biographer of our beloved Saint Patrick.

**Our God is the God of all humans, the God of heaven and earth.
The God of sea and rivers, the God of sun and moon,
the God of all heavenly bodies.**

The God of the lofty mountains; the God of the lowly valleys.

**God is above the heavens; and is beneath the heavens,
Heaven and earth and sea, and everything that is in them,
such God has as His abode.**

**God inspires all things, and gives life to all things,
God stands above all things, and stands beneath all things.**

**God enlightens the light of the sun,
and strengthens the light of the night and the stars,
God makes wells in the arid land and dry islands in the sea,
and God places the stars in the service of the greater lights.**

**God has a Son who is co-eternal with Himself;
and similar in all respects to Himself;
and neither is the Son younger than the Father, nor is the Father
older than the Son;**

and the Holy Spirit breathes in them.

**And the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit are inseparable.
Amen.**

Please be seated.

3.

We Pray for Each Other and the World

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We Clyppe the Church

We Embrace God as We Embrace the Church
and We Share God's Peace with One Another

A new commandment

I give unto you

That you love one another

As I have loved you,

That you love one another

As I have loved you.

By this shall all ...

Know you are My disciples

If you have love one to another.

God makes peace within us.

Let us claim it.

God makes peace between us.

Let us share it.

We Make Offerings as We Sing—

“How Deep the Father's Love”

We Are Renewed

All things are yours, O God of all creation,
And so we return our gifts to you.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation, through whose goodness
we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human
hands have made;

May it become for us the bread of life.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation, through whose goodness
we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human
hands;

May it become for us the cup of blessing.

Receive these gifts, dear God, and accept in them the sacrifice of
ourselves.

In life and in death, may we be an offering to you for ever. [\[7\]](#)

Great Creator Spirit, from whom all life comes forth, here we
gather again with bread and with wine, seeking your presence,
longing once more to be nourished, hungering for wholeness in
our lives, for unity on earth and for peace among the nations.

**Here we gather with bread and with wine,
but with more than bread and wine.**

Here we gather with creation's elements all around us. With
earth, air, fire, and water still expanding through the universe,
with the glory of the sun, the whiteness of the moon, the glitter-
ing of heaven's lights off flowing waters.

**Here we gather with bread and with wine,
but with more than bread and wine.**