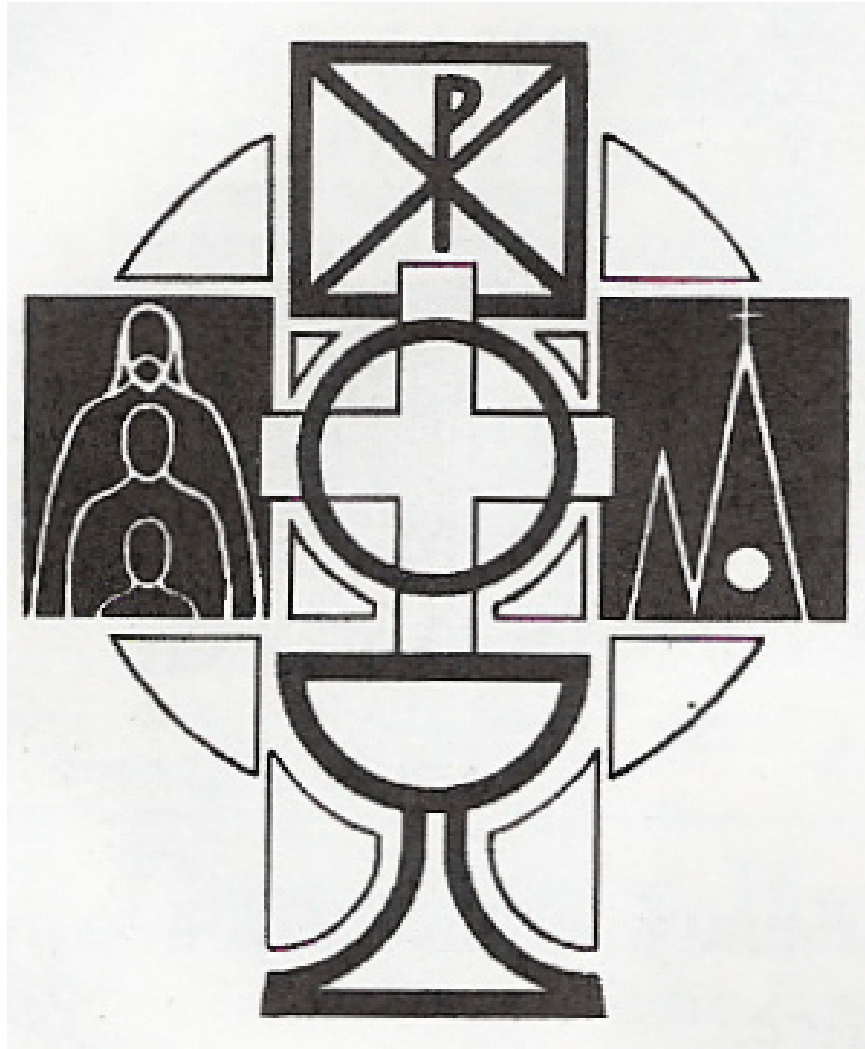


A Celtic Eucharist



St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Medina, Ohio

The Gathering Rite

(Adapted from *A Wee Worship Book*, The Wild Goose Worship Group)

Presider: We meet in the Name of God,
All: **Creator of the Universe, source of true humanity,
mother and father of all.**

Presider: We meet in the Name of Jesus,
All: **Word made flesh, savior of fallen humanity,
lover of all.**

Presider: We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit,
All: **Lord and giver of life, midwife of new humanity,
inspirer of all.**

Presider: Come then, eternal God.
All: **Be present here, befriend us here, renew us here.**

The Breaking of the Word

Collect of the Day – *From Lesser Feasts and Fasts*

Presider: The Lord be with you;
People: **And also with you,**
Presider: Let us pray.

(Collect from *The Book of Common Prayer* or *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*)

Readings from Scripture – *As set forth in the Calendar of Saints*

Prayer After the Gospel

(Adapted from *A Wee Worship Book*, The Wild Goose Worship Group)

All: **O Christ, the Master Carpenter
who, at the last, through wood and nails
purchased our whole salvation:
Wield well your tools
in the workshop of your world,
so that we,
who come rough-hewn to your bench,
may here be fashioned
to a truer beauty of your hand.
Amen.**

Homily or other sharing of our Response to the Word.

The Declaration of Faith

(Adapted from *The Iona Abbey Worship Book*, The Iona Community)

All: **We believe in God above us,
 maker and sustainer of all life,
 of sun and moon,
 of water and earth,
 of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us,
 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
 born of a woman,
 servant of the poor,
 tortured and nailed to a tree.**

**A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth
 to the place of death.**

**On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven,
 to be everywhere present,
 and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,
 the Holy Spirit of pentecostal fire,
 life-giving breath of the church,
 Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
 source of resurrection and of eternal life.**

Amen.

The Prayers of the People

(Adapted from *A Celtic Primer*, Brendan O'Malley, attributed to St. Martin)

Presider: With all our hearts and minds we pray to the Lord, who looks upon the earth and makes it tremble.

Reader 1: For peace and tranquillity in our time and for your holy Catholic Church from one end of the earth to the other. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 2: For Mark, our Bishop and Shepherd, and for all bishops, presbyters and deacons, and all who minister in your Church. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 3: For this place and for all who dwell in it. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 4: For all who are in authority; for the bereaved, the dispossessed and those who seek refuge. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 5: For those who travel; those who do penance and those who learn the faith. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 6: For those who in your holy Church bring forth the fruits of compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 7: For ourselves; through the prayers of your holy apostles and martyrs, grant us, Lord, your forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 8: Grant us, Lord, a Christian and a peaceful end. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 9: Grant us, Lord, your holy bond of love; to abide for ever among us. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 10: Guard, Lord, the holiness and purity of our Catholic faith. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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

Confession and Absolution

(Adapted from *A Wee Worship Book*, The Wild Goose Worship Group)

Presider: Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings.

(Silence)

Presider: In the community of Christ's Church
and in the presence of all God's people,
I confess to God that I have sinned
in thought, word, and deed.
I have not loved God, cared for God's world,
or respected God's people as I should.
I own my responsibility and pray for God's pardon.

People: **May God forgive you,
Christ befriend you,
and the Spirit renew and change your life.**

Presider: Amen.

People: **In the community of Christ's Church
and in the presence of all God's people,
We confess to God that we have sinned
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved God,
cared for God's world,
or respected God's people as we should.
We own our responsibility
and pray for God's pardon.**

Presider: May God forgive you,
Christ befriend you,
and the Spirit renew and change your life.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

(Adapted from *A Celtic Primer*, Brendan O'Malley, originally from *The Stowe Missal*)

Presider: Lord, peace you commanded,
peace you gave us,
peace you have left us.
Grant us your peace from heaven
and order this day
and all the days of our life
in your peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be with you always;

People: **And with your spirit.**

Presider: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Peace is exchanged.

The Offertory and Great Thanksgiving

(Adapted from *A Wee Worship Book*, The Wild Goose Worship Group)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

All: **Loving God,
through your goodness
we have this bread and wine to offer,
which earth has given
and human hands have made.
May we know your presence
in the sharing of this bread
and of this wine,
so that we may know your touch
in all bread, in all wine,
in all matter.**

**We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared
among his community through the centuries,
and shares with us now.
Made one in Christ
and one with each other,
we offer our gifts and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts;

People: **We left them up to God.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to God;

People: **It is right to give both thanks and praise.**

Presider: Among friends, gathered round a table,
Jesus took bread,
and having blessed it,
he broke the bread
and gave it to his disciples saying,
“This is my body which is given for you.”
In the same way he took wine,
and having given thanks for it,
he poured it out,
and gave the cup to his disciples saying,
“This cup is the new relationship with God
sealed with my blood.
Take this and share it.
I shall drink wine with you next
in the coming Kingdom of God.”
So now, following Jesus’ example,
we take this bread and this wine,
the ordinary things of the world
through which God will bless us.
And, as Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth,
let us also celebrate God’s goodness.

Blessed are you, O God,
for you have brought forth bread from the earth.

People: **Blessed are you, O God,
for you have created the fruit of the vine.**

Presider: In the beginning you watered the earth,

People: **that man and woman might have food and drink.**

Presider: You gave to your servant Sarah bread,

People: **to strengthen her family on their journey;**

Presider: and you gave her wine,

People: **to make them glad.**

Presider: You called Moses and his people out of bondage,

People: **and refreshed them with food in the wilderness.**

Presider: You gave Mary, Joseph, and Jesus their daily bread to share.

People: **And here at your table
you offer us bread and wine for the journey
to nourish us as sons and daughters.**

Presider: And so with all our sisters and brothers,
before us and beside us,
we praise you from our hearts for your unending greatness.

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes
in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ,
present with us now,
as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room,
breathe your Spirit upon us,
and upon this bread and wine,
that they may be heaven's food and drink for us,
renewing, sustaining, and making us whole,
and that we may be your body on earth,
loving and caring in the world. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: Lord, through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come:

All: **Our father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Fraction

(Adapted from *A Wee Worship Book*, The Wild Goose Worship Group)

Presider: He whom the Universe could not contain,
is present to us in this Bread.
He who redeemed us and called us by name
now meets us in this cup.

People: **We take this bread and this wine.
In them, God comes to us
so that we may come to God.**

Communion

The Presider invites the Assembly to Communion with one of the following

(Adapted from *The Iona Abbey Worship Book*, The Iona Community)

Presider: The table of Bread and Wine is now made ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus
and all who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,
with whom Jesus identified himself.
It is the table of communion with the earth,
in which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table,
you who have much faith
and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often,
and you who have not been here for a long time;
you who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed.

Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Communion is shared.

Prayer after Communion:

Presider: Let us pray.

(Adapted from *A Wee Worship Book*, The Wild Goose Worship Group)

All: **Lord Jesus Christ,
you have put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives into yours.
Take us, renew us, and remake us.
What we have been is past;
what we shall be,
through you,
still awaits us.
Lead us on.
Take us with you. Amen.**

Blessing

(Adapted from *The Iona Abbey Worship Book*, The Iona Community)

Presider: 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.

And may the blessing of God,
the Father, the Son, and the Sacred Spirit,
the One and the Three,
be upon you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **In the Name of Christ. Amen.**