



A
Celtic
Eucharist



The Gathering Rite

Adapted from *Celtic Daily Prayer*, The Northumbria Community

Presider: There is one God and one mediator between heaven and earth, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people.

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

All: **Create a clean heart within me, O God,
so that it may become your chosen shelter
and the resting place of the Holy Spirit.**

**I make the cross of Christ upon my breast +,
over the tablet of my hard heart,
and I beseech the living God of the universe,
may the Light of lights come to my dark heart
so that I may live in the power of your love.**

**I know indeed, Lord, that you are beautiful.
Put forth to me the power of your love,
be leaping over the mountains of my transgressions,
and wash me in the true blood of conciliation.**

Presider: Pour down upon us from heaven the rich blessing of your forgiveness.
Grant to us, O Savior of Glory,
the fear of God,
the love of God and his affection,
the will of God to do on earth at all times
as angels and saints do in heaven.

In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

All: **I praise the wounds and the blood of the Lamb
that heals the weakness of my body.
I praise the wounds and the blood of the Lamb
that heals the weakness of my soul.
I praise the wounds and the blood of the Lamb
that heals the weakness of my spirit.**

**Praise to the blood of the Lamb
in his forgiving power.
Praise to the blood of the Lamb
in his releasing power.
Praise to the blood of the Lamb
in his victorious power.
Praise to the blood of the Lamb
in his renewing power.
Praise to the blood of the Lamb
in his protecting power.**

**I praise the blood of the Lamb
that makes all things new.
Alleluia! Amen.**

The Breaking of the Word

Collect of the Day – *From the Book of Common Prayer or Lesser Feasts and Fasts*

Presider: The Lord be with you;
People: **And also with you,**
Presider: Let us pray.
(The Presider offers the collect.)

Readings from Scripture – *As set forth in the Revised Common Lectionary*

Prayer After the Gospel (*see next page*)

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Adapted from *Celtic Daily Prayer*, The Northumbria Community

All: **I pray you, Good Jesus,
that as you have given me grace
to drink in with joy
the Word that gives knowledge of you,
so in your goodness you will grant me
to come at length to yourself,
the source of all wisdom,
to stand before your face for ever.
Amen.**

Homily or other sharing of our Response to the Word.

The Declaration of Faith

Adapted from *Celtic Daily Prayer*, The Northumbria Community, attributed to St. Patrick

All: **There is no other God,
 there never was and there never will be,
 than God the Father,
 unbegotten and without beginning,
 the Lord of the universe,
 as we have been taught,
 and his Son, Jesus Christ,
 whom we declare to have always been with the Father
 and to have been begotten spiritually by the Father
 in a way that baffles description,
 before the beginning of the world,
 before all beginning,
 and by him are made all things
 visible and invisible.**

**He was made man, defeated death,
 and was received into heaven by the Father,
 who has given him power over all names
 in heaven, on earth, and under the earth;
 and every tongue will acknowledge him,
 that Jesus Christ is the Lord God.**

**We believe in him
 and we look for his coming soon
 as judge of the living and the dead
 who will treat everyone according to their deeds.**

**He has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us in abundance:
 the gift and guarantee of eternal life,
 who makes those who believe and obey
 children of God and joint heirs with Christ.**

**We acknowledge and adore him as one God
 in the Trinity of the Holy Name.**

The Prayers of the People

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

- Presider:* We celebrate the promise of the living Christ.
- Reader 1:* In the midst of hunger and war
- All:* **We celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.**
- Reader 2:* In the midst of oppression and tyranny
- All:* **We celebrate the promise of service and freedom.**
- Reader 3:* In the midst of doubt and despair
- All:* **We celebrate the promise of faith and hope.**
- Reader 4:* In the midst of fear and betrayal
- All:* **We celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.**
- Reader 5:* In the midst of illness and injury
- All:* **We celebrate the promise of health and wholeness.**
- Reader 6:* In the midst of hatred and death
- All:* **We celebrate the promise of love and life.**
- Reader 7:* In the midst of sin and decay
- All:* **We celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.**
- Presider:* In the midst of death on every side
- All:* **We celebrate the promise of the living Christ. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Adapted from *Celtic Daily Prayer*, The Northumbria Community

Presider: O God, we cannot undo the past,
nor make it never to have happened!
– neither can you, Lord.
There are some things that are not possible
even for you – but not many!

All: **We ask you, humbly,
and from the bottom of our hearts:
Please, God,
would you write straight
with our crooked lines?
Out of the serious mistakes of our lives
will you make something beautiful for you?
Teach us to live at peace with you,
to make peace with others,
and even with ourselves.
Give us fresh vision.
Let us experience your love
so deeply that we are free
to face the future
with a steady eye,
forgiven, and strong in hope.**

Presider: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Presider: Christ who nourishes us,
is our peace.
Strangers and friends,
male and female,
old and young,
he has broken down the barriers
to bind us to him and to each other.

As we prepare to taste his goodness,
let us share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Peace is exchanged.

The Offertory and Great Thanksgiving

Adapted from *Celtic Daily Prayer*, The Northumbria Community,
with additions from *Enriching Our Worship*, Church Publishing Inc.

Gifts of bread and wine and alms are placed on the Table.

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord God of the universe, our Father for ever and ever;
for through your goodness we have these gifts of bread and wine
which earth has given and human hands have made.
May they become for us the food and drink of eternal life.

All: **Bless the King of all the earth!**
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.

Presider: O God, you are always thinking about your people.
You never forget us.
You sent your Son, Jesus, who gave his life for us
and who came to forgive us
and taught us to forgive each other.

All: **Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Presider: On the very night he was betrayed,
Jesus took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to his disciples saying,
“Take, eat, this is my body
which is given to you;
do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup and gave you thanks.
He gave it them, saying,
“Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.”

All: **Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Presider: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
in your tender mercy, send us the Spirit of the Lamb.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,
may be a people of hope, of justice, and of love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with [blessed _____, and] all your people
in the joy of our eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

All: **Blessed are you, now and for ever. 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 *Celtic Daily Prayer*, The Northumbria Community

Presider: All we have to bring you, Lord, is our brokenness.
(*The Bread is broken.*)
Jesus, you pour yourself out for us,
satisfying our hunger
and quenching our thirst with your love.

All: **Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace.**

Presider: Blessed are you, O Lord,
Sovereign of the Universe.

People: **In me, O Lord, let there be life.**

Communion

The Presider invites the Assembly to Communion

Adapted from *A Celtic Primer*, Brendan O'Malley

Presider: He gives heavenly bread to the hungry,
and to the thirsty water from the living spring.
Christ the Lord himself comes, who is Alpha and Omega.
He shall come again to judge us all.
Come, you holy ones, receive the Body of Christ,
drinking the holy Blood by which you were redeemed.

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 the everlasting God shield you,
east and west and wherever you go.
And the blessing of God be upon you.

People: **The blessing of the God of life.**

Presider: The blessing of Christ be upon you.

People: **The blessing of the Christ of love.**

Presider: The blessing of the Spirit be upon you.

People: **The blessing of the Spirit of grace.**

Presider: The blessing of the Trinity be upon you,
now and for evermore. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

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