

The Liturgy of the Celtic Christian Communion

The celebrant prays silently while approaching the altar, and upon reaching the altar the priest kisses the altar and prays:

O Creator, Father of all creation, inscrutable, without beginning or end, for you have decked your supernatural realm as a chamber unto the light unapproachable and hast adorned with splendid glory the ranks of your innumerable unto the ages. With ineffably wondrous power you emanated the Fullness. O Unknowable Presence, preserve your faithful, unshaken, and keep those who invoke your presence in peace. Amen.

The celebrant says the following prayer:

Blessed is the Fullness of the One God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him, and One Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him; and The Holy Spirit as our Comforter and Guide; in all the ages, Emanations, and Powers, now and always, forever and ever. Amen.

The celebrant says the following:

Celebrant: Here are the words from the Christian Scriptures

God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice and peace, for they will be satisfied.

Matthew 5:6

*Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, Moses didn't give you bread from heaven. My Father did. And now he offers you the true bread from heaven. The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." Then Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. **John 6:32-33, 35***

*The spirit of truth and the bride say, "Come." Let anyone who hears this say, "Come." Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life. **John 22:17***

*Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. **Rev 3:20***

*Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine; and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. **John 15:4-5***

*Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. **Matthew 11:28***

*For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16***

The Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord has mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth; Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, and we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, and leaning on the everlasting arms. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,

leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

The Collects

The Collect for Peace

O GOD, who are the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Grant us, your servants, we humbly ask of you, that peace which the world can neither give nor take away; that we who in all our dangers rely on your goodness, may under your fatherly protection be defended against all adversities, and evermore rejoice in your blessed service, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with your mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the following Prayers and Intercessions

For the President and Civil Authorities

O Lord, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the Universe, who does from your throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we ask of you with your favor to behold and bless thy servant, *the President of the United States*, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to your will, and walk in thy way: endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts: grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and after this life to attain everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Christian Church

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon all Ministers of the gospel, and upon all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of your grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing. Grant this, O God, for your great love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

For all Conditions of Men

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all humankind, we humbly ask you for all sorts and conditions of men; that you would be pleased to make your ways known unto them, your saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Church Universal; that it may be so guided and governed by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; that it may please you to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for your mercy's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A General Thanksgiving, to be said by celebrant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants do give you most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for your tremendous love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we ask of you, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be sincere thankful, and that we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading (Optional)

The assistant goes to the Lectern for the first reading. The congregation sits and listens.

Reader: A reading from the Old Testament from the Book of _____

Reader at the end of the reading: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Responsorial Psalms or other Readings of Faith

The assistant either sings or recites the psalms or other religious readings and the people respond

The Second Readings

Reader: A reading from the Epistle from the Apostle Paul to the _____

Reader: at the end of the reading: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Gradual

Celebrant: They that Love wisdom loves life: And they that seek her early shall be filled with joy. Teach me O Lord the way of your statutes, and I shall keep them unto the end. Give me understanding and I shall keep your law. Yea I shall keep it with my whole heart. The path of the just is as a shining light, shining more and more unto the perfect day.

A Psalm may also be said between the lessons. Then after the psalms are read, the Celebrant stands before the altar and says

If there is no deacon, the celebrant bows before the altar and says quietly

Celebrant: Almighty universal God Cleanse my heart and my lips that I may worthily proclaim your gospel.

The Holy Gospel

Then the deacon (or the celebrant) goes to the lectern. Ministers with incense and candles may accompany him. The following may be sung or recited.

CELEBRANT:/DEACON: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

CELEBRANT:/DEACON: A reading from the Holy Gospel according _____ (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John)

People: Glory to you, Lord

CELEBRANT:/DEACON: This is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

A homily or sermon shall be given on all Sundays and Holy Days of obligation. It is recommended for other days also. After the sermon an invitation to initiate or to advance in the faith may be given. Also the Anointing of the Sick or other rites of the church may be celebrated at this time.

The Great Litany (General Intercessions)

(All stand) STAND at the Altar, the Celebrant may pray with his arms outstretched.

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

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: For peace and tranquility in our time and for your faithful people from one end of the earth to the other.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: for Our Bishop and Shepherd and for all bishops, presbyters and deacons, and all who administer in your Church

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: For this place and for all who dwell in it.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: For all who are in authority; for the bereaved, the dispossessed and those who seek refuge:

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: For those who travel; those who do penance; those who learn the faith:

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: For those who are your faithful bring forth the fruits of compassion:

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: For ourselves; through the prayers of your holy apostles and martyrs, grant us, Lord, your forgiveness

Congregation: Grant us, Lord, a Christian and a peaceful end.

Celebrant: Grant us, Lord, your holy bond of love; to abide for ever among us.

Celebrant: Guard, Lord, the holiness and purity of your faithful people. Merciful Father Accept these prayers For the sake of your Son, Our Savior Jesus Christ

Congregation: Amen

Then shall this general Confession be made by Celebrant and People; all humbly bowing down or devoutly kneeling.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father; We humbly acknowledge our weakness, and the sins which we from time to time have most grievously committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy great goodness, against our Master, Jesus Christ, against our own souls, and against our brethren. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. Comfort and help us. Raise our hearts up to you in heaven, and suffer us no more to wander upon earth. In the name of your beloved Son, we ask you to forgive us all that are past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you, in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Celebrant say this Prayer:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of your great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all those who, with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto you, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Apostle's Creed

(Optional use)

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (universal) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

The Offertory

The celebrant preparing the host or bread for communion saying:

Blessed are You, Lord, High King above all kings, for through your goodness we have this bread, you have given us your peace, and set a hunger in our hearts. Restore our strength, Give us the energy to our tired limbs, and renew our thoughts and our weary minds to your Glory. As we celebrate your super today.

The celebrant mixes the wine and water for communion saying:

Blessed are you, Lord, High King above all Kings for your goodness we have this wine. For this sacred chalice has filled our days and brought us to our souls, and giving us a new vision in our dry spirits, given us new warmth to our cold hearts.

The chalice and paten are fully prepared and then the celebrant says the following:

Bless O Lord, this bread and wine that we are about to celebrate your divine institution that you have given us. That they may be good for our body and soul, and if there is any poor creature hungry or thirsty walking the road, may God send them to us so that we can share your goodness and truth with them, just as Christ shares his gifts with all of us.

Oration

(All stand)

Celebrant: With humble and contrite hearts, we ask you, Lord God to receive us and be pleased with this sacrifice we now offer to you.

Celebrant/ deacon: Let us stand aright; let us stand in awe; let us attend, that we may make the Holy Offering in peace.

Congregation: A mercy of peace, a sacrifice of praise.

A customary greeting among the people follows

Then shall the Celebrant say:

Hear what words of comfort our Savior said unto all who desire his help. Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

Hear, also, what Paul the Apostle has written:

This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them all.

Hear, also, what John the Apostle has written:

If anyone does sin; we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up with the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is proper and just.

Then the celebrant continues with the following

We give thanks to you God, through your beloved son Jesus Christ, whom you sent to us in former times as Savior, Redeemer, and Messenger of your will for the entire world. Who is your inseparable Word, through whom you made all, and in whom you were well-pleased, whom you sent from heaven into the womb of a virgin, who, being conceived within her, was made flesh,

and appeared as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and the virgin. It is he who, fulfilling your will and acquiring for you a holy people, extended his hands in suffering, in order to liberate from sufferings those who believe in you. Who, when he was delivered to voluntary suffering, in order to dissolve death, break the chains of the devil, tread down hell, bring the just to the light, and manifest the resurrection.

Here may follow the proper preface, if there be any specially appointed; or else immediately may follow (celebrant and people together):

Christmas Day

Upon Christmas Day, and seven days after

Because you did send your Son into the world, that the world through him might be saved by your only Son, to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man, of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin.

Epiphany

Upon The Epiphany, and seven days after

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, in substance of our mortal flesh, manifested forth his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness into his own glorious light.

Purification, Annunciation, and Transfiguration

Upon the Purification, Annunciation, and Transfiguration

For in the beginning the Mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and savior of the entire world.

Easter Day

Upon Easter-day, and seven days after

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he was offered for us, and is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has restored to us everlasting

life.

Ascension Day

Upon Ascension-day, and seven days after

Through your most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who, after his most glorious resurrection, manifestly appeared to all his apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

Pentecost Sunday

Upon the Feast of Pentecost and six days after

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, your Holy Spirit was poured forth upon the apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth; giving them both the gift of diverse languages, and also boldness, with passionate zeal, constantly to preach the gospel unto all nations, whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of thee, and of your Son Jesus Christ.

Trinity Sunday

Upon the Feast of Trinity only

Through your only-begotten Son, and the Holy Spirit, are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance. For that which we believe of thy glory, O Father of all creation, the same we believe of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference of inequality.

Therefore with angels, and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name; evermore praising you, and saying,

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabbath and hosts heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to You, O Lord, most high.***

The celebrant continues

High King of the universe, who sustains the worlds and who brought forth the earth; you breathe wisdom into all your creatures, until we reflect your love. For we gather here today to break this bread in sharing in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body; because we all share his bread together as his faithful. For every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, resurrection and ascension until he comes again for the entire world. For in our pain and sorrow we cry to your tender Lamb, slain before the foundation of the world, perfect sacrifice for our sins and the entire worlds.

Then shall the celebrant reads the following words:

On the night when he was betrayed, Jesus said to his disciples, 'I had earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God'. And he took bread, recited the blessing, broke the bread and said,

This is my body which is broken for you. He then gave the bread to them. He said, 'Do this in remembrance of me'.

And he took the cup, recited the blessing, and said to them,

This is my blood which is poured out for many. My blood will solemnize the new covenant. Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the Kingdom of God comes. He then gave the cup to them. He said, 'Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

The celebrant may then offer prayer of the concentration of the Holy Spirit; all humbly bowing their heads down or devoutly kneeling.

Heavenly Father, we humbly ask of you, to hear us; and, of your almighty goodness, ask you by your power and goodness to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these your gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy foundation, in remembrance of his death and passion for the purpose of the salvation of the entire world, change them into your Son's body and blood so we may be partakers of his sacrifice for us and the entire world.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are gallant to say,

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.

Here may be sung a Hymn.

Then shall the celebrant, having first received the Communion in both kinds themselves, proceed to deliver the same to the People. And when they deliver the bread, they shall say:

Take and eat this in remembrance of Jesus Christ: and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

And the celebrant, who delivers the Cup, shall say:

Drink this in remembrance of Jesus Christ, and be thankful.

After everyone returned to their seats then the celebrant shall say this prayer:

Almighty and ever-living God, we most thoroughly thank you, for that you does vouchsafe to feed us with spiritual food; and (lost assure us thereby of your favor and goodness towards us; and that we are heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we most humbly ask of you, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom to thee be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Then may be said or sung, all standing, some proper Hymn.

Then the celebrant shall let the People depart with this Blessing:

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.