

# Celtic Evening Service - Easter



Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
People **He is risen indeed!**



## *Music and Meditation*

### **Confession:**

Count us not as nothing, O God,  
count us not as nothing, O Christ,  
count us not as nothing, O kind Spirit,  
nor abandon us to eternal loss.

We confess our sins to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Compassionate God of life, your kindly pardon give:

for our careless talk,  
our broken oath, our empty speech;  
for all that we have left undone,  
for all that we have done amiss.

Jesus, only begotten Son and Lamb of God the Father, you gave the blood of your body to save us from the grave. As we receive the Word and knowledge of your forgiveness, enshroud us, encircle us, each day, each night, each dark, each light.

Uphold us, be our treasure, our triumph everlasting; strong Son of God most high. **Amen**

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **Christ our Passover:**

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.  
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

***Psalm (See Readings Sheet)***

***First Reading (see insert)***

**Celtic Exsultet**

Leap and spin, you powers of Heaven,  
Burst into explosive songs of joy,  
all you companies of angels.  
Let the throne of God be surrounded  
with the praises of all that has life.

The earth glories in her Maker.  
Now mountain and valley glow with splendor;  
the sea on the shore whispers the praises of Jesus.  
Rivers stream through thirsty soil,  
bringing news of gladness –  
the Redeemer is risen. His Glory fills the earth.  
The trees thunder their praises,  
and loudly clap their hands.

Sound a trumpet through all the earth.  
Our Morning Star is alive!  
Risen in splendor, He is among us;  
The darkness is driven back.  
We, His people, join in the dance of all creation.

We praise the blood of the Lamb  
that has bought our freedom  
and reversed the curse of disobedience  
and willfulness.

Jesus is the true Lamb that was slain,  
whose blood is on the door of our hearts,  
whose blood is the protection of the homes  
of all believers.

***Second Reading (see insert)***

### **Song of the Redeemed**

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*

O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*

because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.



### ***Music and Meditation***

#### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **Rejoice in the Lord**

In times of happiness be with us Lord.

In times of trial be with us Lord.

In times of darkness be with us Lord.

In times of light be with us Lord.

We are encircled in the power of your suffering.

We are encircled in the power of your death.

We are encircled in the power of your resurrection.

We are encircled in the power of your ascension.

In faith we abide in the love of the Father.  
In faith we abide in the love of the Son.  
In faith we abide in the love of the Spirit.  
In faith we abide in the love of the Blessed Trinity.

Rejoice in the light of Christ!  
Rejoice in the love of Christ!  
Rejoice in the strength of Christ!  
Rejoice in the salvation by Christ!

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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, for  
ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Night Shielding**

We are placing our souls and bodies  
Under your guarding this night O Spirit  
O gentle comforter, teacher and guide,  
Our advocate and companion.

We are placing our souls and bodies  
Under your guarding this night, O Christ,  
O Son of the tears, of the wounds, of the piercings,  
May your cross this night be shielding us.  
May your cross this night be shielding us.

We are placing our souls and bodies  
Under your guarding this night, O God,  
O Father of help to the poor feeble pilgrims,  
Protector of earth and of heaven,  
Protector of earth and heaven.



### ***Music and Meditation***

The peace of the Father be with us,  
The peace of Christ be with us,  
The peace of the Spirit be with us  
and with our families,  
From the day that we have here today

To the day at the end of your lives.  
The grace of the Father be with us,  
The grace of Christ be with us,  
The grace of the Spirit be with us  
and with our families,  
For an hour, for ever, for eternity. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



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 when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.