

Morning Prayer in the Celtic Tradition  
First Sundays, Life Together at 8:00 a.m.

First Sunday after Pentecost

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**Welcome to St. Paul's, First Sundays,  
Life Together at 8:00 a.m.**

*This is a service of silence and prayer, loosely based on the order for morning prayer in Iona Abbey. It is led by Lay and Clergy Worship Leaders and is intended to include long silences which begin and end with the ringing of a bell.*

*(At the beginning of worship, you are invited to place an offering in the Alms Basin.)*

*Leader: Rev. Kitty Garlid*

*(seated in silence)*

### **Opening Responses**

Leader: In the beginning, before time, before people, before  
the world began,

ALL: GOD WAS.

Leader: Here and now, among us, beside us, clearer than air,  
closer than breathing,

ALL: GOD IS.

Leader: In all that is to come, when we have turned to dust  
and human knowledge has been completed,

ALL: GOD WILL BE.

Leader: Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it, not  
condemning the world, but redeeming it through  
Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

ALL: GOD WAS, GOD IS, GOD WILL BE.

### **Hymn #367** *(said in unison)*

- 1 Round the Lord in glory seated  
cherubim and seraphim  
filled his temple, and repeated  
each to each the alternate hymn;  
“Lord, thy glory fills the heaven,  
earth is with thy fullness stored;  
unto thee be glory given,  
holy, holy, holy Lord.”
- 2 Heaven is still with glory ringing,  
earth takes up the angels’ cry,  
“Holy, holy, holy,” singing,  
“Lord of hosts, the Lord Most High.”  
With his seraph train before him,  
with his holy Church below,  
thus unite we to adore him,  
bid we thus our anthem flow:
- 3 “Lord, thy glory fills the heaven,  
earth is with thy fullness stored;  
unto thee be glory given,

holy, holy, holy Lord.”  
Thus thy glorious Name confessing,  
with thine angel hosts we cry  
“Holy, holy, holy,” blessing  
thee, the Lord of hosts Most High.

**Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Holy God, Maker of all,

ALL: HAVE MERCY ON US.

Leader: Jesus Christ, Son of Mary,

ALL: HAVE MERCY ON US.

Leader: Holy Spirit, breath of life.

ALL: HAVE MERCY ON US.

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

***(5 minutes of silence begins and ends with the bell)***

Leader: 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.

ALL: MAY GOD FORGIVE US, CHRIST BEFRIEND US,  
AND THE SPIRIT RENEW AND CHANGE OUR LIVES.

Leader: Amen.

ALL: 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  
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SPECTED GOD'S PEOPLE AS WE SHOULD. WE  
OWN OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND PRAY FOR  
GOD'S PARDON.

Leader: May God forgive us, Christ befriend us, and the  
Spirit renew and change our lives.

ALL: AMEN.

Leader: Turn again, O Lord, and give us life.

ALL: THAT YOUR PEOPLE MAY REJOICE IN YOU.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

ALL: AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME.

Leader: Give us again the joy of your help

ALL: WITH YOUR SPIRIT OF FREEDOM SUSTAIN US.

Leader: And now, as Jesus taught us, we say,

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.  
AND 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 FOR EVER.  
AMEN.

## **Word of God**

Leader: Let us listen for the Word of the Lord.

ALL: OUR EARS ARE OPEN.

*(a volunteer reads the lesson slowly)*

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 28: 16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Leader: Thanks be to God.

ALL: AMEN.

## **Canticle N** *(in unison)* **A Song of God's Love** 1 John 4:7-11

Beloved, let us love one another, \*  
for love is of God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, \*  
for God is Love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us, \*  
that God sent his only Son into the world,  
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us \*  
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, \*  
we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us, \*  
and God's love will be perfected in us.

***(5 minutes of silence begins and ends with the bell)***

## **Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Leader: Where the hungry go unfed while the privileged gorge themselves; where the poor go begging while the rich amass greater fortunes; where the tyrants have bitten the dust but their successors prove no better, God of justice,

ALL: SHOW YOURSELF.

Leader: To those who speak for the voiceless and defend the persecuted, to those who protest for a fairer world and practice simpler lives, to those who share their faith in Jesus in places where faith is suspected, God of justice,

ALL: SHOW YOURSELF.

Leader: And to us, that we might serve and love you with body, soul and mind; God of justice,

ALL: SHOW YOURSELF.

***(5 minutes of silence begins and ends with the bell)***

## **Closing responses**

Leader: Hear these prayers made in the presence and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: AMEN.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

ALL: WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.

Leader: We will not offer to God.

ALL: OFFERINGS THAT COST US NOTHING.

Leader: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL: WE WILL SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.

Leader: Glory be to God who made us and to Christ who saved us and to the Holy Spirit who keeps us in faith.

ALL: AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING IS NOW,  
AND SHALL BE FOR EVER. AMEN.

*You are encouraged to remain in silence.*