

# Highland Hope

*A Celtic Worship Experience Celebrating the Feast of St. Andrew*

5 p.m. November 12, 2016

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Longmeadow, Massachusetts

**Welcome!** Wherever you are from, wherever you are in life, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we are glad you are here. Please turn off or silence cell phones to assist us as community at prayer.

This evening's worship is based on a variety of sources from the British Isles, including the the Iona Community in Scotland. Additional Celtic services will be offered every second Saturday of the month. The next one will be celebrated on December 10 and will be a candlelight service called "Waiting for the Light."

We invite guests to fill out the Connection Card in the pew rack and place it either in the offering plate as it comes by during the Offertory, or in a basket upon leaving the church.

## The Gathering

*Soft, meditative music invites us to quiet our busy minds and be enveloped by peace and stillness.*

## Gathering

### Centering

*We begin worship by centering in God, our life source. After a chime sounds three times to invite us into the presence of the triune God, all are invited to spend a few moments in silent reflection. After the chime sounds another three times consecutively, **please stand as you are able.***

P = Presider L = Leader C = Congregation

(Please STAND as you are able.)

L: Let the darkness of night surround us. **C: Let light and warmth gather us.**

L: Let the winds blow wild around us. **C: Let our hearts rest in God and our minds be calm.**

L: Let the evening birds praise the Creator. **C: Let our lips shout for joy.**

L: Blessed be the one, holy and living God. **C: Glory to God for ever and ever!**

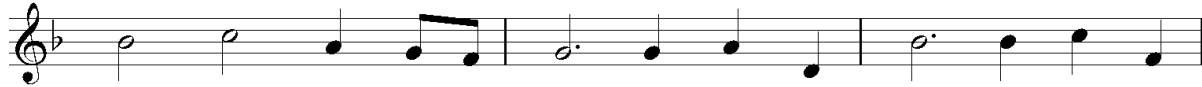
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## Song of Praise

♪ *Most Holy God* – **All sing.**



1 Most Ho - ly God, the Lord of heaven, who in the  
2 for you the daz - zling star shines forth which in its  
3 The day de - parts, the eve - ning stars se - rene - ly  
4 You, Ho - ly One, Cre - a - tor, Lord, you in the  
5 Like sun and day, shine in our hearts; like moon and



1 high arched sky has placed the sun that flames up from the  
2 gleam - ing path de - clares the won - ders of your glo - rious  
3 light the dark - ening sky; the moon with cool re - flect - ed  
4 pri - mal world once set the bound - aries of the day and  
5 night, give lov - ing peace. Free us from bonds of blind - ing



1 east and brings the splen - dors of the dawn:  
2 power, and beck - ons us to wor - ship you.  
3 glow will bring the si - lenc - es of night.  
4 night and or - dered sea - sons in their round.  
5 sin and guide us on our path to you.

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## Procession of the Altar Party, Bagpipers and Drummers

### *The Ceremony of Light*

L: We will light a light in the name of the Creator. **C: Who lights the world with the bright sun, the pale moon and glistening stars.**

L: We will light a light in the name of the Son. **C: Who pierces the darkness with his perpetual light.**

L: We will light a light in the name of the Spirit. **C: Who gives us the spark of life.**

### Opening Prayer

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.** P: Let us pray. O Christ of the poor and the yearning, kindle in our hearts within a flame of love for our neighbors, for our foes, for our friends, for our kindred all. From the humblest things that lives to the Name that is highest of all, kindle in our hearts within a flame of Love. Tonight, tomorrow and always. **C: Amen.**

**If you have a tartan or some other family symbol, please come forward as the bagpipers play. Please stay in place for the Blessing of the Tartans/Symbols.**

### **Blessing of the Tartans/Symbols**

Leader 1: Thank you, O God, for your abiding presence in our lives and that of our ancestors—the patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, martyrs, apostles and all saints.

Leader 2: Never let us forget that a heritage of faith is a responsibility, not a treasure to be hoarded.

**C: Bless us that we may be a blessing.**

Leader 1: Thank you, O God, for the blessing of all forms of family; the warmth, comfort, and security of love.

Leader 2: Never let us forget that love is a gift to be shared.

**C: Bless us that we may be a blessing.**

Leader 1: Raise the tartans! (Pause until all lift high their tartans.)

**C: On behalf of all families, and nations, we raise these tartans before Almighty God in gratitude for our heritage and pray God's blessing on his servant people in all lands.**

P: Eternal God, bless these symbols of heritage and grant that those who wear them, and all people, may do justly, love mercifully, and walk humbly with you; through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

(Please be SEATED.)

*The Liturgy of the Word*

First Reading: "Blessing the Nets" by Jan Richardson

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♫ Will You Come and Follow Me – All sing vss 1,3 and 5.

Unison

1. Will you come and fol - low Me if I but call your name?  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when You but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low You and nev - er be the same.

Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known,  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
 In Your com - pa - ny I'll go where Your love and foot - steps show.

will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?  
 Will you let Me an - swer prayer in you and you in Me?  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
 through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

WORDS: John L. Bell and Graham A. Maule, 1987

KELVINGROVE

MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987

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The Gospel: Matthew 4:18-22      G = Gospeller

G: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **C: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

G: As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea-- for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. G: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Reflection**

*Silence to follow.*

### **Prayers**

L: Holy One, we praise you for the wonders of your creation:

**C: Make us joyful and faithful stewards.**

L: And not ours only, **C: Help us lift the weights we have placed on others and on your creation.**

*As "Amazing Grace" is played, all are invited to come forward to light a votive for your own needs, the needs of others, and the needs of the world.*

P: Let us pray. **ALL: My Christ. My Christ. My shield, my encircler, each day, each night, each light, each dark. Be near me, my treasure, my triumph. Amen.**

### **Confession and Words of Grace**

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, maker of the skies above, lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth, Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters, in earth, sea and sky, you are there. O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul behind all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, your presence is around us and we give you thanks. **ALL: But when we have not touched but trampled you in creation, when we have not met you, but missed you in one another, when we have not received, but rejected you in the poor, forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy. Silence is kept for personal confession.**

P: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **The Peace**

P: God makes peace within us. **C: Let us claim it.** P: God makes peace between us. **C: Let us share it.** P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.** *The peace is exchanged with your neighbors as you say "peace" and shake hands.*

### **Announcements**

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory

*We are invited to give back to God what God has given us. An usher will pass an offering plate pew by pew. You are welcome to place your offering in the place as it passes by. The gifts of bread and wine are prepared for the celebration of Holy Communion as meditative music is offered.*

*After the offering is presented, the following prayer is offered.*

Receive, O God our Creator, the offerings which we make to you of what you have given us from your creation, so that the power of your grace these holy mysteries may sanctify our present life and bring us to everlasting joy. **ALL: Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.** P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.** P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God, who is Creator of all life. Though our days vanish like mist, and the light of the earth fades away in the distance, still your Spirit is within all life, and every human being is born in your likeness. And so with the whole created order, with the stars that silently glisten with life's glory, with the wind that howls and the gentle breeze that whispers, with the chirping praise of birds and the echo of the saints, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

**ALL: Holy most holy, all holy the Lord in power and wisdom, for ever adored  
The earth and the heavens are full of Your love  
Our joyful hosannas re-echo above.  
Blessed, most blessed, all blessed is He whose life makes us whole  
And whose death sets us free  
Who comes in the name of the Father of light  
Let endless hosannas resound in the height.**

Tune: *Slane*

P: Blessed are you, O God, for you have brought forth bread from the earth. Blessed are you, O God, for you have created the fruit of the vine. In the beginning you watered the earth that all life may be nourished by your goodness. You gave to your servant Sarah bread to strengthen her family on their journey and wine to make them glad. You called Moses and his people out of bondage and refreshed them with food in the wilderness. You gave Mary and Jesus their daily bread to share. And here at your table you offer us bread and wine for the journey to nourish us, your beloved children.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and having blessed it, he broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way he took wine, and having given thanks for it, he shared it with his disciples, saying, "Drink this all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." We proclaim the mystery of faith.

**ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: O God, whose generosity is unbounded and who wills that we should lack no good thing, bless this bread and this wine with your Holy Spirit. Meet us here Holy One,

Move among us Spirit of life.

Meet us here, as we remember.

Meet us here:

Transformed and transforming,

Broken and whole, given and giving.

Meet us here, that we might receive.

Meet us here, nourished afresh by these holy gifts, that

We might live in you, as agents of change in your world.

Here lie new hope, new life, re-birth.

Here are the endless possibilities of the wakening earth.

May we respond like seeds, dying to live,

Plunging down into fertile ground and reaching upwards to the light,

Awakened by the Spirit's breath,

To grow, to glory, to dance,

And to praise Christ, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, world without end. **ALL: AMEN.**

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

**ALL: 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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*After a period of silence is kept, the Presider says,*

Alleluia. This is the Living Bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

**C: Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.**

### **The Invitation**

P: This is the table not of the Church but of the Lord. It is to be made ready for those who love him, and who want to love him more.

**ALL: So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a very long time, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.**

P: Come, not because it is I who invites you: it is our Lord. It is God's will for you to meet God here.

## **About Receiving Communion**

*All who seek the presence of God through Holy Communion are welcome to receive. Some consume the bread and the wine separately, others intinct (dip) the bread in the wine. Please do whatever is comfortable for you. **Gluten free wafers are available – please request one from the one offering bread.** If you prefer to be blessed instead of receiving Communion, please cross your arms in the form of an “X” over your chest. Children are welcome to receive.*

**AFTER YOU RECEIVE COMMUNION AND BEFORE RETURNING TO YOUR SEAT, PLEASE TAKE CANDLE FROM THE BASKET AND LIGHT IT. AN ACOLYTE WILL ASSIST YOU.**

## **The Prayer after Communion**

P: Let us pray. **ALL: Lord, may we be wakeful at sunrise to begin a new day for you; Cheerful at sunset for having done our work for you; Thankful at moonrise and under starshine for the beauty of your universe; And may we, who have feasted on your presence, be the bread of life and cup of blessing for the world you love. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

P: Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you, deep peace of the fruitful earth to you, deep peace of the glowing evening sun to you, deep peace of the Son of peace to you and the blessing of the Holy and Undivided Trinity be with you and those you love forevermore. **ALL: Amen.**

## **♪ Closing Song *Creating God* – All sing.**

**Creating God, your fingers trace  
the bold designs of farthest space.  
Let sun and moon and stars and light  
and what lies hidden praise your might.**

**Sustaining God, your hands uphold  
earth's mysteries known or yet untold.  
Let water's fragile blend with air,  
enabling life, proclaim your care.**

**Redeeming God, your arms embrace  
all those oppressed for creed or race.  
Let peace, descending like a dove,  
make known on earth your healing love.**

Words: Jeffrey W. Rowthorn Tune: *Ward*

## **Procession with Altar Party, Bagpipers and Drummers**

## **The Dismissal**

P: Lord of all light, as we go forth into the world, we extinguish the lights that here represent the presence of the Holy in our midst, **C: But we will carry the light in our hearts, and we pray that as we go about our work in the world, we will shine with the love of God. Amen.**



*Please extinguish your candle at this point and keep it upright to avoid the wax from dripping.  
Please return the candle in the foil trays upon leaving the church.*

P: Let us bless the Lord, our light, our hope, our encircler, the Holy Three in One. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Worship Leaders**

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