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Busbridge Classic Service

16 May

Morning Worship of Celtic Praise in Eastertide
7th Sunday of Easter

Finding pattern in the messiness



Welcome

“Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.”

Psalm 30 NRSV

Opening words

O Lord, open our lips

and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us.

And clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia.

Greeting: An opening prayer

Welcome to this gathering,

Friend and stranger, saint and sinner, all who gather.

Come with hope or hesitation;
come with joy or yearning;
all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness

Generous God and generous Saviour, touch us through your Spirit.

Blessed are you, creator God, to you be praise and glory for ever.

As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters bringing light and life to your creation, pour out your Spirit on us today that we may walk as children of light and by your grace reveal your presence.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God forever.

Hymn: All hail the power of Jesus' name

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Maker of all

have mercy on us

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor

have mercy on us

Holy Spirit, Breath of life

have mercy on us

Move among us O God, give us life

Let your people rejoice in you.

Make our hearts clean within us

Renew us in mind and in Spirit

Give us again the joy of your help:

With your Spirit of freedom sustain us.

Amen.

The Collect for today

O God the King of glory,

You have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to
your kingdom in heaven,

We beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit
to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Jesus
Christ is gone before,

Who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

Amen

Psalm 30: A Song at the dedication of the Temple, of David

1 I will exalt you, O Lord,

because you have raised me up

and have not let my foes triumph over me.

2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you

and you have healed me.

3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;

you restored me to life from among those that go down to the Pit.

4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;

give thanks to his holy name.

5 For his wrath endures but for the twinkling of an eye,

his favour for a lifetime.

Heaviness may endure for a night,

but joy comes in the morning.

6 In my prosperity I said,

‘I shall never be moved.

You, Lord, of your goodness,

have made my hill so strong.’

7 Then you hid your face from me

and I was utterly dismayed.

8 To you, O Lord, I cried;

to the Lord I made my supplication:

9 ‘What profit is there in my blood,

if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

10 ‘Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;

O Lord, be my helper.’

11 You have turned my mourning into dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness;

12 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Amen

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:40-45

Reflection

Hymn: Lead Me Lord

An affirmation of faith using Iona resources

**We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
he descended into the earth to the place of death.**

**On the third day he rose from the tomb.
he ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his
kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the church,
spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of eternal life.**

Amen

Prayers of intercession

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Hymn - O love that wilt not let me go

Closing prayer and sending out

God bless each of us as we travel on.
In our times of need, may we find a table spread in the wilderness
and companions on the road.
Let us go into the world rejoicing.

It is Christ who goes before us.

Thanks be to God.

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love.

Amen

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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