

# An Informal Celtic Holy Communion

## Welcome

*Introduction such as the following:*

Let this wondrous creation, plundered by alien forces, open wide its arms to its returning Saviour. Let all the people, marked with the Creator's dignity, welcome him who comes to restore our lost innocence.

*A song of thanksgiving*

## Sorrow and reconciliation

As we draw near to the place of at-one-ment

**Give us tears to see  
the wonder of your presence  
Give us tears to see  
the wasting of your land  
Give us tears to see  
the wounding of your Son.**

*Silence*

Be joyful;  
The saving God stretches out his hand,  
bounding towards us,  
to announce a loving reconciliation.  
Washed and made whole,  
let us listen to the Word of Christ

*Bible reading, Song, Prayers*

## The Peace

**Peace to you.  
Peace with the land  
and all that grows on it.  
Peace with the sea  
and all that swims in it.  
Peace with the air  
and all that flies through it.  
Peace with our God  
who calls us to serve.**

## The Offering and Blessing of Elements of Earth and Heaven

*As bread and then wine are held up  
words such as the following may be said*

As we bring this bread to you (hold up),  
so we offer you the sap of life rising; the  
fun, relationships, and communications  
of life.

As we bring this wine to you (hold it up),  
so we offer to you, the woes of life  
outpouring; the waning powers, disease,  
disappointments and wounds.

As grain is crushed to make flour that  
becomes this bread, and as grapes are  
crushed to make the wine, so we offer  
to you all who are crushed by hunger or  
homelessness, violence or abuse.

May you transform these elements of  
creation and these elements of our  
lives.

## The Thanksgiving for God's saving acts and Re-enactment of Jesus' actions at The Last Supper

Father, all powerful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to  
give you thanks through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

You, O Father, with your only Son and  
the Holy Spirit are God.

You are God, one and immortal;  
God, incorruptible and unmoving;  
God, invisible and faithful;  
God, wonderful and worthy of praise;  
God, strong and worthy of honour;  
God, most high and magnificent;  
God, living and true  
God, wise and powerful;  
God, holy and splendid;  
God, great and good;  
God, awesome and peace-loving;  
God, beautiful and righteous;  
God, pure and kind;

God, blessed and just;  
God, tender and holy.  
You are God,  
not in the singularity of one person, but  
in the trinity of one essence.  
We believe in you; we bless you;  
we adore you;  
and we praise your name for evermore.  
We praise you through Christ  
who is the salvation of the universe;  
through Christ who is the life of human  
beings;  
through Christ who is the resurrection of  
the dead.  
Through him the angels praise your  
majesty;  
the dominations adore;  
the powers of the heavens tremble;  
so may we join with them in saying...

**Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God  
Almighty  
Who was, and is, and is to come**

*Echoes the Stowe Missal*

*Jesus' words and actions are now  
re-enacted ....*

### **Inviting the Holy Spirit**

Merciful God, send now, in kindness,  
your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread  
and wine and imbue them with the  
fullness of Jesus. And let that same

Spirit rest on us, converting us from the  
patterns of this passing world, until we  
conform to the shape of the One whose  
food we now share.

### **Inviting the people**

He whom the universe could not  
contain, is present to us in this bread.  
He who redeemed us and called us by  
name now meets us in this cup.  
So take this bread and this wine that  
God may come to us and we may come  
to God.

*The bread and wine are shared in  
silence or each may say  
'The generosity of God' as they give  
the bread and  
'the life of God poured out for you' as  
they give the wine.*

*Music or a song.*

### **Final Prayers and Blessings**

Heaven is inter-twined with earth.

**Alleluia!**

We have taken the divine life into  
ourselves.

**Alleluia!**

*And so now each may say:*

**I rise up clothed in strength of  
Christ.  
I shall not be imprisoned,  
I shall not be harmed  
I shall not be down-trodden,  
I shall not be left alone  
I go clothed in Christ's white  
garments  
I go freed to weave Christ's patterns  
I go loved to serve Christ's weak  
ones**

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