

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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