

VISIONS OF MINISTRY  
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

May 13 to 14, 2011



# Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## Service of Light

### ✦ Gathering Of The Community

Music: Phos Hilaron.....

*Unison*

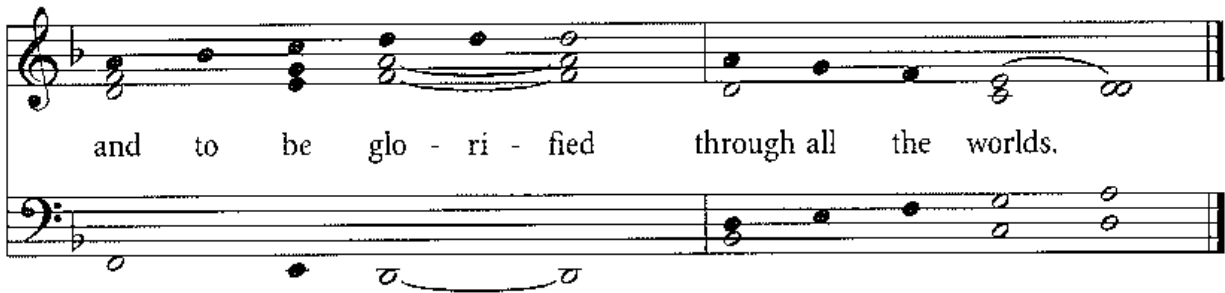
1 O gra-cious Light, pure bright-ness of the ev - er - liv - ing Fa - ther in heaven,

O Je - sus Christ, ho - ly and bless - ed! 2 Now as we come to the set - ting

of the sun, and our eyes be - hold the ves - per light, we sing your prais - es, O God:

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. 3 You are wor - thy at all times to be

praised by hap - py voic - es, O Son of God, O Giv - er of life,



*May be sung unaccompanied with a few voices humming D as a drone throughout.*

Music: George Black (1931- ) ©.

Prayer of Thanksgiving.....

*Leader* We praise and thank you, O God our Father,  
 through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Through him you have enlightened us  
 by revealing the light that never fades,  
 for dark death has been destroyed  
 and radiant life is everywhere restored.  
 What was promised is fulfilled:  
 we have been joined to God,  
 through renewed life in the Spirit of the risen Lord.  
 Glory and praise to you, our Father, through Jesus your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit,  
 in the kingdom of light eternal, for ever and ever.

*All* Amen.

✠ **The Word of God**

Reading ..... *John 20.19-31*

*Reader* Hear the word of God,  
*All* **Our ears are open.**  
*Reader* A reading from the Gospel according to St. John

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence*

Prayer ..... *When the lights are on*

*Leader* When the lights are on  
and the house is full  
and laughter is easy  
and all is well...

*Voice* Behold I stand at the door and knock.

*Leader* When the lights are low  
and the house is still  
and the talk is intense  
and the air is full of wondering...

*Voice* Behold I stand at the door and knock.

*Leader* When the lights are off  
and the house is sad  
and the voice is troubled  
and nothing seems right...

*Voice* Behold I stand at the door and knock.

*Leader* And tonight,  
always tonight,  
as if there were no other people,  
no other house,  
no other door...

*Voice* Behold I stand at the door and knock.

*Leader* Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,  
stay with us for the day is ending.  
Bring to our house your poverty,  
**All For then shall we be rich.**

*Leader* Bring to our house your pain,  
**All That sharing it we may also share your joy.**

*Leader* Bring to our house your understanding of us,  
**All That we may be freed to learn more of you.**

*Leader* Bring to our house all those  
who hurry or hobble (hobble) behind you,  
*All* **That we may meet you as the Saviour of all.**

*Leader* Bring to our house your Holy Spirit,  
*All* **That this may be a cradle of love.**

*Leader* With friend, with stranger,  
with neighbor, and the well-known ones,  
be among us tonight,  
*All* **For the doors of our house we open  
and the doors of our hearts we leave ajar.**



# Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## Morning Prayer ~ Celtic Liturgy

Opening Responses.....

*Please stand.*

*Leader* O God, you summon the day to dawn,  
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

*All* **Great is your name.**  
**Great is your love.**

*Leader* For you the valleys shall sing for joy,  
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

*All* **Great is your name.**  
**Great is your love.**

*Leader* For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,  
the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

*All* **Great is your name.**  
**Great is your love.**

*Leader* Your love and mercy shall last for ever,  
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

*All* **Great is your name.**  
**Great is your love.**

Song.....

*Please be seated.*

Prayer.....

*Leader* Let us pray.  
Lord God,  
early in the morning,  
when the world was young,  
you made life in all its beauty and terror,  
you gave birth to all that we know.

*All*                   Hallowed be your name.  
**Hallowed by your name.**

*Leader*            Early in the morning,  
when the world least expected it,  
a newborn child crying in a cradle  
announced that you had come among us,  
that you were one of us.

*All*                   Hallowed be your name.  
**Hallowed by your name.**

*Leader*            Early in the morning,  
surrounded by respectable liars,  
religious leaders, anxious statesmen  
and silent friends,  
you accepted the penalty for doing good,  
for being God:  
you shouldered and suffered the cross.

*All*                   Hallowed be your name.  
**Hallowed by your name.**

*Leader*            Early in the morning,  
a voice in a guarded graveyard  
and footsteps in the dew  
proved that you had risen,  
that you came back  
to those and for those  
who had forgotten, denied and destroyed you.

*All*                   Hallowed be your name.  
**Hallowed by your name.**

*Leader*            Early in the morning,  
in the multicoloured company  
of your Church on earth and in heaven

we celebrate your creation,  
your life,  
your death and resurrection,  
your interest in us:

*All* so to you we pray,  
**Lord, bring new life**  
where we are worn and tired,  
new love  
where we have turned hard-hearted,  
forgiveness  
where we feel hurt  
and where we have wounded,  
and the joy and freedom  
of your holy spirit  
where we are the prisoners of ourselves.

*(Silence)*

*Leader* To all and to each  
where regret is real,  
God pronounces pardon  
and grants us the right to begin again.

*All* Thanks be to God!  
**Amen.**

**The Word of God**.....

Reading ..... *1 Peter 2.2-10*

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Prayers for the Day**.....

*Leader* Let us prepare ourselves for the day before us,  
and claim its potential sent by God.

Let us pray.

We bring God our concerns for the day ...

*You are invited to add your own petitions during the silences provided.*

*V* God of peace:

*R* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We bring to God the people of today ...

*(Silence)*

*Leader* And let us pray for ourselves ...

*(Silence)*

*Leader* Lord, give wisdom before we speak,  
understanding while we listen,  
sensitivity towards those we meet,  
and the perspective of your kingdom  
in which to see the things of the earth.

Bring us to the day's ending  
blessed through having shared the day's beginning.  
in Christ's name we ask this. Amen.

Song .....

*Please stand*

Blessing .....

*Leader* May God bless us;  
may God keep us in the Spirit's care  
and lead our lives with love.

*All* **May Christ's warm welcome shine from our hearts  
and Christ's own peace prevail through this and every day,  
till greater life shall call. Amen.**



# Closing Worship

Opening Song.....

Reading .....

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection .....

*Leader* Sisters and brothers, both our work and our rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, at work and at play, all the days of your life?

*All* **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*Leader* Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit you have knit these your servants into the one body of your Son, Jesus Christ. Look with favour upon them in their commitment to serve in Christ's name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing.....

Song .....

Dismissal .....

*Leader* Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**