

Celtic Evensong and Communion
TRINITY United Methodist Church
MARCH 22, 2026, 5 P.M.



Prelude

Morning Has Broken (Bunessan)
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (Star of the County Down)

Trad. Gaelic melody
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Welcome and Announcements

Opening

One In the name of the Father,
in the name of the Son,
in the name of the Sprit Holy,
the blessed three in One:
Many **God center us in the storm,
Christ configure us in his faithful image,
Sprit enable us to hear and to heed wisdom.
Hosanna in the highest! Amen.**

†Hymn

Be Thou my Vision
versified by Eleanor Hull from a 7thC. Irish poem

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Responsive Prayer

One Let us pray. The Lord is our shepherd;
Many **We shall not be in want.**
One When life is rushed and hectic and there's never enough time for all we have to do:
Many **Lord, speak to us of green fields and still waters, and calm our souls.**
One When we are tempted to stray from your will and love:
Many **Lord, guide us into the paths of true and honest living.**
One When our days are filled with pain and sorrow, our own or that of others, and the
fear of death is strong:
Many **Lord, be with us and grant us your strength to face the future with courage.**
One When we have to meet hostility face to face:
Many **Lord, keep us safely in your care and guide us as we defend our faith.**
One When we have a great need of your love:
Many **Lord, pour your blessings into our lives.**
One When we are in need of your forgiveness:
Many **Lord, reassure us with your goodness and mercy and remind us that you are with us
forever.**
One The Lord is our shepherd;
Many **We shall not be in want. Amen.**

Musical Response

The Reading

The Lord add holy insight to the hearing of the Word.
May it be so; thanks be to God.

Exodus 3:7-14; 4:10-13

Musical Response

Reflection

The Rite of Communion

The table of bread and cup has been made ready. It is a table of companionship with Jesus and with

all those who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus found fellowship. It is the table of communion with the earth, to which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who often partake of this sacrament, and you who so seldom; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ himself who invites us to meet him here this day. Let us pray: 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 might have food and drink. You gave bread to your servants Sarah and Abraham to sustain their family on their journey. You called Moses and the Hebrews out of bondage and nourished them with food in the wilderness. You gave Mary and Joseph their daily bread to share. And here at your table you offer us bread and drink for the journey, to nourish us as sons and daughters.

And so with all our sisters and brothers, before us and beside us, near and far, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Glory be to you, O God most high.**

Among friends who gathered round the table, Jesus took bread, and, having blessed it, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup and gave you thanks. He gave it to them saying, "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

So, now, following Jesus' example, we take this bread and this drink; the ordinary things of the world through which God will and does bless us. And as Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth, we celebrate your goodness in the person of our Lord, Jesus Christ, present with us now, as we do in this place what he did in an upstairs room.

Breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of ordinary things, that they may be heaven's food for us, renewing, sustaining and completing us, that we may be your Body on earth, loving and caring for the world. Behold, the bread of heaven is broken for the life of the world, the gifts of God for the Many of God.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior has taught us, so we pray:

God's love reaches out to us

Our Father in heaven

This place is sacred ground

Hallowed be your name

May our lives reflect God's glory

Your kingdom come

May our thoughts reflect God's thoughts

Your will be done

We long for deep peace:

