

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Song (Replacing the Creed): Welcome to the Table

Gather around for the table is set,
Welcome and take your place.
Wide is our circle with Christ at the heart,
Sharing our sacred space.

Story of faith in the breaking of bread,
Gifts of creation we share.
No more malnutrition to darken our lives,
Justice for love and care. **Chorus**

CHORUS: This is the banquet open to all,
Spirit to nourish life.
Here at this meal, here in this place,
Gratefully we receive.

Calling forth adults the table to share,
Co-celebrating as one.
The gift of each table our daily prayer,
The chant of thanksgiving is sung. **Chorus**

Eucharistic Prayer for St. Brigid

Preface:

1. We gather today to recall and celebrate the sacred tradition of our country's patron, Saint Brigid of Kildare, whose life of witness and service inspires our gathering here in this Eucharistic community.

2. Beneath the oak tree from which emanates her fertile sacred vision, adorned with her cloak, embracing the spread of land and human community alike, we too embrace her ancient enduring vision of healing, hope, and springtime vitality.

1. In prayerful solidarity we unite with the flowing waters that satisfy every thirst, the fruits of the earth sustaining us in body mind and spirit, the greening of grassland, tree and shrub, in the birthing forth of the Springtime, the fertility of our land amid this time of sowing & planting.

2. As inheritors of the monastic tradition, pioneered by Brigid, Conleth, and many others, we receive in gratitude the gift of solitude, and the wisdom of contemplative vision. And in union with all who celebrate this special feast, we raise our voices and acclaim:

HOLY . . .

("Let all that is within me cry Holy (x2).

Holy, Holy, Holy is the source of our being.")

1. Praise to you, Holy One, gathering your people for prayer and worship, celebrating the gift of feminine creativity in the life of Brigid, and in the elegance of creation's fertility, with which we are nourished each day.

2. From the rising of the sun till its setting, we are blessed with the variety and diversity of life in abundance. As creatures of the earth, we witness each day the living Spirit of God whose energy sustains every life form, the same Spirit who gathers us as one around this Eucharistic table

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First Invocation

ALL: That same Spirit we now invoke to liberate anew the pregnant possibilities of these our gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us the body & blood of Jesus our Saviour, to nurture and sustain us into the fulness of life.

Invoking Sacred Memory

Co-celebrants: As the Abbess gathers the monastic community for worship, and mothers in every home gather families around the table of nourishing love, Jesus too calls us, as the first disciples were called, to the echo of these empowering words: Take this all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body which will be given up for you.

Co-celebrants: After the meal, Jesus took another cup, poured out in a spirit of solidarity and mutual empowerment. Jesus gave thanks, and in the spirit of Brigid's inclusive cloak, Jesus shared the cup with friends saying: Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my life-blood, the life of the new and everlasting covenant. In prophetic solidarity it is poured out for you and for all. Sustain one another in the power of sacred memory.

Eucharistic Acclamation: "Let all that is within cry Blessed (x2)
Blessed, Blessed, Blessed is the source of our being."

1. The sacred gifts of this Eucharistic table, bread broken and wine poured out, hold for us cherished memories of the God who has birthed so much life into our universe, and continues to do so through the women and men of our world today.

Second Invocation

ALL: In the inclusive gathering of this Eucharistic meal, we gratefully acknowledge the Spirit who dwells in our midst. In the power of that same Spirit may we be united as one, as we seek to heal the brokenness around us, and restore to creation the wholeness for all to flourish.

In Union with . . .

2. In union with the holy women and men of this land, along with the ancestors of cherished memory, and those who inspire the leadership of our faith today (Pope and Bishop), may we continue to cherish what we have received, and pass on that sacred wisdom to generations yet to come.

1. Weaving her Cross while sitting beside the anguished, dying chieftain, Brigid delivered the gentle healing peace of Christ. May we too be weavers of healing and hope for our wounded earth, for threatened species, for the victims of war and violence, for all loved ones living with pain and suffering, and for our beloved departed that they may rest eternally.

Doxology

ALL: This prayer we make in the name of the One whose cloak of compassion embraces everything within the unity of diversity, Creator, Saviour, and Holy Spirit nourishing and sustaining us, this day and forever. Amen.