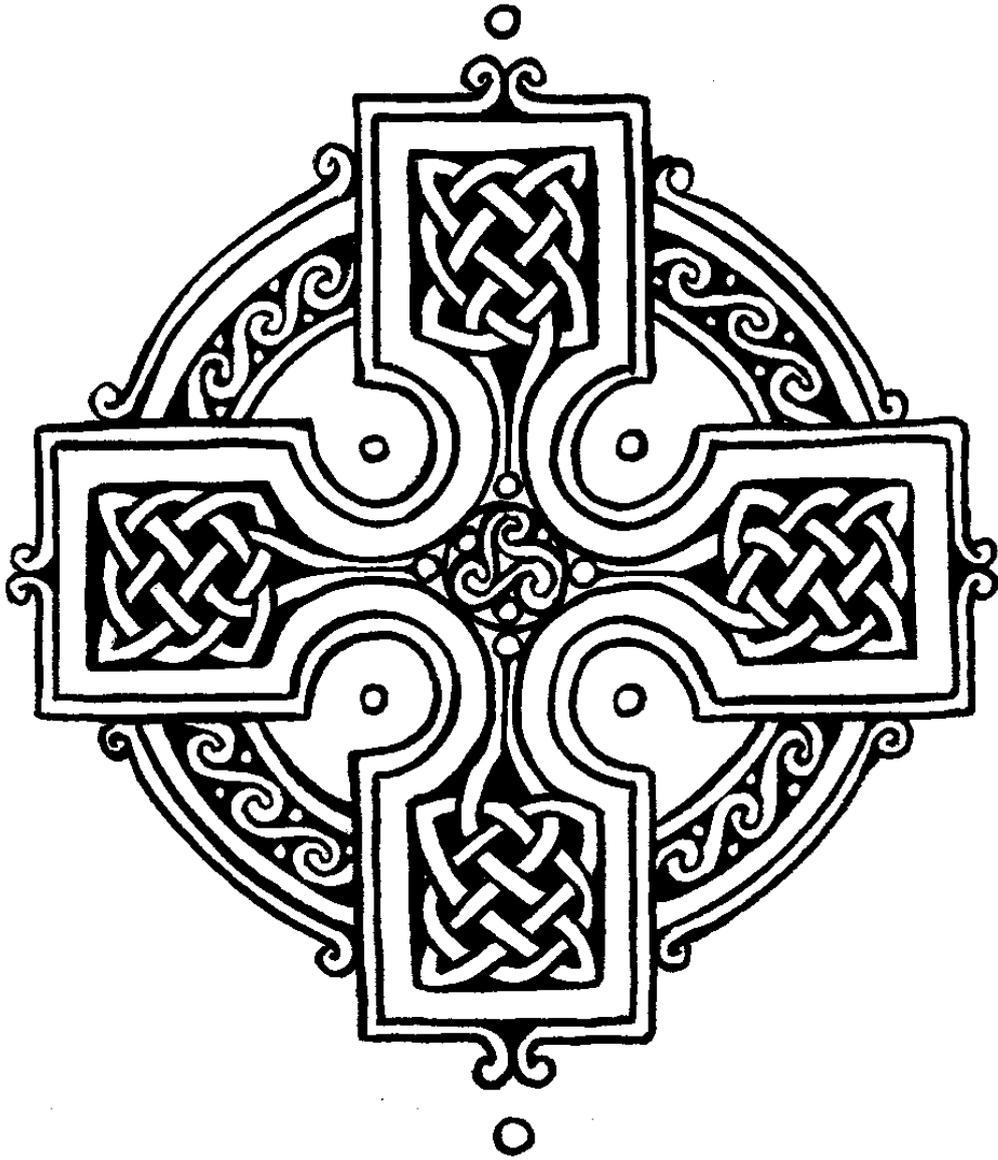


A CELTIC SERVICE

FOR THE CHURCH ONLINE



11.00AM

ALL AGE CELTIC SERVICE

THE GATHERING

A HYMN *is sung*

Opening words

We say good morning to God:

All Good morning, God!

**We are here as your family
to sing your praise today.**

**We are here as friends of Jesus
to share your love with each other
today and every day.**

**We are glad for your gift of love
which touches our lives in so many ways.**

**Today, help us think about the ways
we can touch other lives we love,
because we are friends of the Lord!**

We say sorry to God:

All Dear God, as we sit here quietly,

**we can think of times we didn't act like a very good
friend. Sometimes we haven't kept our promises.**

**Sometimes we've talked about others behind their
back. Sometimes we've been angry with a friend and
never worked things out.**

**We're sorry, God, that we don't always act like
friends of the Lord.**

Dear friends, while it is true we have all made a mess of our lives in some way, it is also true that God forgives us when we own up to what we've done. With Jesus' love we can become new people. So know that we make God glad when we remember to say we're sorry. Feel God's forgiveness today as we sing – for that is the heart of things for all Jesus' friends!

A HYMN *is sung*

THE COLLECT

READINGS

One or more passage from the Bible will be read and end with:

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

HOMILY

Here we may have a talk, a story or a drama

THE PRAYERS

As we pray, show us good Lord how to care for one another.

All Make us good friends of the Lord.

God of love and loving, today we pray for all the people who matter to us: we pray for our friends – old and new, near and far, those who are dear to us and those who have disappointed us. May your love make our friendships stronger.

Show us how to care for one another.

All Make us good friends of the Lord.

We pray for the members of our families: those who live close to us, those who live far away and those we've lost touch with.

Thank you for family members who encourage us and help us through hard times, and we pray for anyone in our family we find hard to understand or to love or get along with. May your love make our families stronger.

Show us how to care for one another.

All Make us good friends of the Lord.

We pray for our neighbours: those we know and trust and those who seem a little different or distant.

We pray for people we've considered enemies, and for people around us who haven't mattered at all to us. Help us see each person we know or think about as someone you love and someone who should matter to us. May your love make our love for all our neighbours stronger.

Show us how to care for one another.

All Make us good friends of the Lord.

And we pray for ourselves – help us see in ourselves all the things you love about us; help us remember the things that can make us good friends to others and help us share all those gifts with the world. So that everyone who meets us knows that we are good friends of the Lord. **Amen**

A HYMN *is sung*

During which a collection is offered for Christ our friend

BLESSING

God bless you: God keep you in the spirit's care and lead your lives with his 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.