Celtic Spirituality Night

September 26, 2020
5:00 P.M.

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY
321 Wyandotte Street
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
The Diocese of Bethlehem

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Welcome- About this Experience

Celtic Spirituality nights at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity are an opportunity to gather for peaceful, hope-filled, reflection, meditation, and prayer in the Celtic Spirit.

What you Need to Know

1. You are free to find any space in the Cathedral to best receive this experience. This includes the choir area up past the “rood screen” and the altar area. Sit anywhere you feel most comfortable.

2. During periods music will be played for your enjoyment, reflection. You may journal if you like, pray, meditate, or just take enjoyment.

3. A spoken meditation is always offered typically with a Celtic theme or Celtic influence of experience, world-view, prose, poetry, etc.

4. Stations are offered during an extended time of reflection. During this time as and if you feel moved you are invited to visit each station and participate in its theme of invitation. The stations tonight are:

   A. **Incense mist:** Visit the station and take in the sensory experience of smell. Like incense lifted to the heavens in prayer, may it renew and lift you.

   B. **Map of the World:** Come and visit the map of the World. Offer a prayer For a part of the world or someone in a part of the world that is on your Heart.

   C. **Candles** Visit one of the candle station. You may come and light a candle of prayer or thanksgiving on behalf of yourself or others.

   D. **Healing** healing oil will be in the chapel. Take a shell with the oil in it Anoint your head and your hands for healing and may your hands touch The world in healing spirit.
Gathering  

Music  

Alison Gillespie, Joanna Mell

Festive Entry  

James Ruhf, Piper

Amazing Grace  

Joanna Mell

Invitation and Welcome  

The Very Rev. Anthony (Tony) Pompa

The Lighting of The Three Lights and Welcome of the Holy

Leader: The God of love is with us.
People: The Spirit of love is in us.

Leader: Blessed is the Holy, Who gives us the gift of life.
People: Blessed is this Creator, who brings us cause for celebration.

Leader: We light a light and welcome the Maker of all things.
People: Who gives us the power of life.

Leader: We light a light and welcome Holiness found in breath and heart.
People: Who gives us the power of love.

Leader: We light a light and welcome Holiness found in Spirit.
People: Who gives us the power of hope.
Hymn

**Spirit of God, unseen**

**Skye Boat Song**

**Words:** Margaret Old © Scripture Union. **Music:** Skye Boat Song, Scottish traditional melody; arr. James Whitbourn © Oxford University Press.
Reflection

The Very Rev. Anthony R. Pompa

“Stations of Joy, Thanksgiving, Prayers and Healing”

Music for the Stations

Alison Gillespie, Joanna Mell

IF you desire, you are invited to visit one of the prayer candle stations and light a candle to offer your thanksgiving or a prayer on behalf of yourself or another. You are also welcome to remain where you are and enjoy personal reflection time.

Concluding Words and Thanksgivings

The Very Rev. Anthony Pompa

Grand Procession

Highland Cathedral

James Ruhf, Piper
About our Musicians

Alison Gillespie, performer, artist-lecturer, recording artist, music educator. Alison has been teaching at Moravian College for 20 years. She is the fiddler for the Celtic bands Blackwater and Banna Lach. Alison teaches at the River Valley Waldorf School in Bridgeton, NJ and at her home studio, Fiddler’s Creek Music Studio, in Coopersburg, PA. She is the founder of the Celtic Classic Fiddle Competition and runs a monthly Celtic music session in Hellertown, PA.

Joanna Mell is an accomplished harpist and harp teacher performing and teaching in the Southeastern Pennsylvania area. Joanna has played professionally and taught for over 30 years. Joanna teaches students from all over the world and is a gifted composer and arranger. You may learn more by visiting www.joannamell.com.

James Ruhf has been playing bagpipes for most of his life! James has played all over the Lehigh Valley and well beyond. James is a master teacher of the bagpipes and a resident of Bethlehem, a friend of this Cathedral. You can learn more about James by visiting www.bagpipingbyjames.com
Some Ministries of service of this Cathedral

Yarns of Love—Blankets and apparel knit in prayer and fellowship and given to sick, the lonely, homebound, and to newborns! Tuesdays 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays 1:15-3:15 p.m. All are welcome.

Thrift Shop Ministry—Daily Wednesday-Saturday. Lightly used clothing available to those most in need; profits earned granted to Southside Bethlehem service organizations. To donate, volunteer or more information contact Connie at Church office (teisenreich@nativitycathedral.org or 610-417-3063)

New Bethany Ministries Meal Center—Preparing Meals for the hungry—The first Tuesday of each month. For more information or to volunteer contact teisenreich@nativitycathedral.org

Emergency Shelter Ministry—Provides shelter and meals to homeless men and women. deaconrodney@cnativitycathedral.org

Food Bank: Bring a canned good or cereal anytime and leave in basket at entry of Cathedral. For New Bethany Food pantry.

Upcoming Events

Family Night & St. Francis Day Celebration

Sunday, Oct 4 @ 4 PM
The Blessing of the Animals
Your well-behaved pets are welcome on a leash or in a crate, or bring a picture if they do not enjoy travel.

Night Songs Compline

Peaceful End to Our Day
Candlelight | Beauty | Faire
Sung Choral Night Prayers

Livestreamed on Wednesday, October 21 at 8:30 PM. Join us virtually for this beautiful sung Evening Prayer.

The Feast

A Celebration of Eucharistic (Thanksgiving) in the Celtic Spirit
Live Celtic Music, Prayers in the Celtic Tradition, Sharing of Communion
2nd Saturday of every month at 5 p.m.
About the Cathedral Church of the Nativity

We Seek to Live the Story of Christ as a Welcoming Haven, Caring Community, Nurturing space for Children and Youth, A congregation committed to serving.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AND BECOME PART OF THE STORY!

CELTIC SPIRIT NIGHTS TAKE PLACE THE LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 5:00 P.M. IN THIS CATHEDRAL. JOIN US AGAIN SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 AT 5:00 P.M.

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