

## Feast/Event: ST PATRICK



### Adult Eucharistic Liturgy

## Go To The Land That I Will Show You

#### Please Note:

*Elements of this Liturgy may be adapted for a Liturgy of The Word or Community/Staff Prayer.*

#### Website Background & Information:

Research some background information on St Patrick:

[http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=89](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=89)

Celtic Spirituality:

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Messenger/Mar2001/feature1.asp>

Other related facts and background browsing:

<http://www.americancatholic.org/features/default.aspx?id=14>

#### Introductory Rite

##### Entrance Hymn & Procession:

Patrick left his homeland to bring the Gospel message to Ireland. Patrick, like the Irish people, was blessed with a spirit of adventure. He was led by the voice of God within – and he was amazed at what God achieved. There are many among us with Irish heritage. May we hear God's call to gather all people into Christ as we sing one of Saint Patrick's favourite prayers:

Suggestion: **Christ Be Before Me** (to the melody of 'Morning has Broken')

##### Welcome & Introduction:

*The Presider greets the gathered assembly and leads them in the Sign of the Cross.*

**Penitential Rite:** *Introduced and ended by the Presider in the usual way ... (see Missal)*

**Gloria:** Sung

**Opening Prayer:** Find the Opening Prayer for Mass in the Missal (17 March)

##### Alternative Opening Prayer for a Community/Staff Gathering (not Eucharist):

O God, ever present in all of Nature,

You led St Patrick to a land he did not know

And inspired him to gather the Irish nation into the arms of your love.

Bless Ireland today with the gift of deep peace.

Bless us all through the faith of St Patrick,

That we, like him, may be fearless and passionate in proclaiming your name.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

Who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God for ever and ever.

Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** Jer 1: 4-9

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 117 (116)

*It is ideal to sing at least the antiphon of the Psalm. Musical settings of this particular Psalm can be found in:*

- ✓ **Psalm 117:** (Jenny O'Brien - Psalms for the Sundays of the Year, Cycle C)
- ✓ **Psalm 117: Go Out to All the World** (A Peloquin – Ritual Song)

**Second Reading:** Acts 13: 46-49

**Gospel Acclamation:** Luke 4: 18-19

*Sing any known Lenten Gospel Acclamation; chant the above verse; then repeat the Acclamation. Eg, Glory and Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ! Chanted verse (above) Glory and Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**If the Gospel Acclamation is not sung, it should be omitted!**

**Gospel:** Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

**Homily Notes:** *Some of the following points may be helpful ...*

- ✓ Develop various aspects of ***Celtic Spirituality*** that we might consider for integration into our lifestyles today ...  
For more inspiration, see <http://www.allsaintsbrookline.org/celtic.html>
- ✓ Explore some points made in the Readings in relation to the life of St Patrick as applied to our lives today:
  - the call we received through our baptism;
  - what it might mean to hear and answer this call with courage;
  - living simply to as to be focused on the mission;
  - living with a more *communal* attitude as opposed to the *individualistic* mindset that pervades our present day culture.
  - living at peace within ourselves and with one another (not grasping, etc)
- ✓ Reflect directly on the Gospel:
  - What does it mean to 'carry no purse' in a symbolic sense?
  - What can happen when we trust God enough to 'carry no purse'?
  - How can we create room for new possibilities in our lives?
  - What would it take to be fearless enough to step out of our comfort zones?
  - How good are we at living within our limits? (*accepting what is put before us*) ... and yet, knowing when it is right to move on (*wipe the dust off your feet*) ... are we learning to practise *balance* in our life and ministry? How could we improve?
  - Relate these points to Celtic Spirituality and the gift of St Patrick for us today.

**Creed:** *The Creed is recited today*

**Prayers of The Faithful:**

**Presider:** We come before you, O God,  
Knowing that you will hear and answer our prayers.

**Reader:** May our eyes see your presence  
in every rock and flower and tree ... (pause)  
Lord, hear us:

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** May our ears hear your call  
in every invitation to offer hospitality to others ... (pause)  
Lord, hear us:

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** May our lips speak of your goodness  
To all who have never heard your name ... (pause)  
Lord, hear us:

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** May our feet always walk in the ways of your truth ... (pause)  
Lord, hear us:

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** May the nation of Ireland be blessed with lasting peace ... (pause)  
Lord, hear us:

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** May the hearts of those who mourn  
know the faithfulness of God's care ... (pause)  
Lord, hear us:

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Presider:** O God, you sent Patrick to preach of your glory and power.  
Through his intercession, hear and answer our prayers  
in the name of Jesus, the Christ.

**All:** Amen.

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Presentation of the Gifts:**

Bread and wine are brought forward ... while quiet instrumental music is played.

**Prayer Over The Gifts:** See Sacramentary/Missal for the Prayer for this Feastday.

**Preface:** Preface of Holy Men & Women I or II (See Sacramentary /Missal)

*This Preface could be easily adapted to form part of a Thanksgiving Prayer in a shorter Community/Staff Prayer. It expresses succinctly the context of the Feast.*

*At Mass, the Preface leads into the singing of the 1<sup>st</sup> Acclamation: "Holy"*

**Eucharistic Prayer:** with sung **Memorial Acclamation** and **Amen**  
*Remember it is the Season of Lent: no 'alleluias'!*

**Our Father:** spoken

### **Sign Of Peace:**

**Presider:** Like Patrick and the 72 disciples,  
we are called to bring peace to every 'house'.  
Let us share with each other  
the peace that comes from following Christ ...

**Lamb Of God:** Sung

**Communion:** **Be Thou My Vision** (18<sup>th</sup> Century Irish melody – AOV/1)

OR  
**God of Day and God of Darkness** (Marty Haugen – AOV/1)

**Post – Communion:**

*A time of quiet prayer is always helpful and welcome after the Communion Song ...*

**Prayer After Communion:** See Sacramentary/Missal for the Prayer for this Feast.

**Concluding Rite**

**Final Blessing & Dismissal:**

*Suggestion:*

*Today the Presider might invoke a Celtic Blessing such as the **Blessing of the Elements** which may be found on [http://www.allsaintsbrookline.org/celtic/celtic\\_blessing.html](http://www.allsaintsbrookline.org/celtic/celtic_blessing.html)*

*To which all respond:*

**All:** Amen.

**Presider:** Go out to all the world and tell the Good News!

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Recessional Hymn:** Choose from the following:

**Song of St Patrick** (Marty Haugen – GA)

**Send Us As Your Blessing, Lord** (Christopher Walker – AOV/1)

**Take the Word of God With You** (Christopher Walker – GA)

**Be Not Afraid** (Bob Dufford – AOV/1)

**Music and Other Resources Relevant To The Theme:**

- ✓ **Pilgrim's Blessing** (Monica Brown – A Heart's Journey)
- ✓ **Hail Glorious St Patrick** (Traditional)
- ✓ **Companions on the Journey** (Carey Landry - AOV/1)
- ✓ **God Has Chosen Me** (Bernadette Farrell – AOV/1)
- ✓ **God of Day and God of Darkness** (Marty Haugen – AOV/1)
- ✓ **We Are Called** (David Haas - AOV/2)
- ✓ **The Harvest Is Rich** - Powerpoint Presentation on [www.liturgyplanningimages.com](http://www.liturgyplanningimages.com)
- ✓ **St Patrick's Breastplate** – Image Reflection on [www.liturgyplanningimages.com](http://www.liturgyplanningimages.com)
- ✓ **E-cards for St Patrick's Day** – go to [www.liturgyplanningimages.com](http://www.liturgyplanningimages.com) and search for St Patrick.

KEY: AOV = As One Voice; GA = Gather Australia; RS = Ritual Song  
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