

# **Celtic Spirituality Night**

**November 28, 2020**

**5:00 P.M.**



**CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY**  
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania  
The Diocese of Bethlehem  
[www.nativitycathedral.com](http://www.nativitycathedral.com)



## 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, and spirit.
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. **Waters of Renewal**-Visit the table in the center Aisle and dip your hands in the waters of Renewal. Perhaps the waters are tears you shed and perhaps they are waters you seek to renew a hope for you, someone you love, our world. Dip your hands and speak to holy.
  - B. **The table of Thanksgiving**- Come to the table of thanksgiving. Place a stone in the jar and offer silently or aloud, one thing you are grateful for.
  - C. **Candles**- are located at the rear of the Cathedral and at the entrance to the Chapel.
  - D. **Healing**- In the side chapel or at the High Altar, ministers will be available for you to ask healing prayers for yourself or others.
  - E. **Map of the world**-Place a stone on a part of the world where your prayers are offered.
5. Finally, this experience always ends with a blessing. In Celtic spirit, a blessing is the promise and bidding of holy presence throughout your life.

**NOTE:** This in person experience is happening virtually. Please consider your imagination the invitation to stations in your mind. Some day we will gather again.



**Gathering**     *Music*

*Alison Gillespie, fiddle, Abigail Gillespie, harp*

**Invitation and Welcome**

*The Very Rev. Anthony (Tony) Pompa*

**The Lighting of The Three Lights- Welcoming 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 shines the light of hope.

**Leader:** We light a light and welcome the Maker of all things.

**People:** Welcome and thank you for gifting us with life.

**Leader:** We light a light and welcome Love incarnate.

**People:** Welcome and thank you for dwelling with us this night.

**Leader:** We light a light and welcome warmly God's Spirit.

**People:** Welcome and thank you for burning brightly in the night.

**Music for Reflection**

*Alison and Abigail Gillespie*

## Spoken Word

Rebecca Randall

\*Rebecca Randall's reflection will be played by sound, virtually.

## Quiet

### **“Stations of Joy, Thanksgiving, Prayers and Healing”**

#### **Music for the Stations**

*“Your imagination is the invitation to true beauty, there you will find the sacred.”*

*If you desire, you are invited to visit one or all of the stations created for this evening's experience. Light a candle in thanksgiving or in intercession. Come and receive prayers and anointing for healing and wholeness in mind, body, and spirit. Visit the table of Thanksgiving and offer it there, dip your fingers in the waters of renewal, visit the map of the world and offer your prayers. Sit, be still, and know that you are Loved by your Creator.*

#### **Concluding Words and Blessing**

*The Very Rev. Anthony Pompa*

May the source of all creation love and surround you and all of yours. May your days be beautiful and full of all the great and good blessings of life: the love of family and friends, a bountiful table, a warm, safe home, meaningful purpose, and peace of heart. Amen.

## **About our Musicians and Reflector**

**Rebecca Randall** is a pastoral psychotherapist who works with individuals and couples for a nonprofit organization in NYC and is presently pursuing her PhD in Counselor Education. Her doctoral work focuses on the integration of spiritual, religious, and ethical values in counseling and counselor supervision. Rebecca, her husband John, and children Aidan, Kate, and Niall have been proud members of the Cathedral community for several years.

**Alison Gillespie**, artist, lecturer, and Celtic Fiddler. Alison is fiddler for the Celtic band Blackwater, has been an artist-lecturer in the Moravian College music department for the past nine years teaching Celtic Fiddle. She also teaches privately at Fiddler's Creek Music Studio in Coopersburg, PA. Originally a classically trained violinist Alison's involvement with Appalachian and bluegrass fiddle music led to a deeper appreciation for the Irish and Scottish music from which these forms originated.

**Abigail Gillespie** is a graduate of West Chester University where she completed an English major and a minor in Harp Performance. She has competed in the All-Ireland championships on Irish Harp. She performs locally at hotels, pubs, restaurants, churches, for weddings and funerals., and sometimes in concerts with her family who are also Celtic musicians.

## Things to Know-Upcoming Events



### Advent Lessons and Carols Sunday, November 29<sup>h</sup> at 5 p.m.

Join us virtually via Facebook or the music page at [nativitycathedral.org](http://nativitycathedral.org). The service, usually sung by our Cathedral Choir, is sung by the quartet of Choral Scholars this year, and is a beautiful way to begin the Advent season while looking forward to Christmas.



### Compline Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 p.m.

You are invited to join us for the beautiful Advent office of Compline that is based on the chant we know as 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel.' The virtual service is sung by our Choral Scholars and will be available on Facebook or the Cathedral's website at the music page.

### Thanksgiving Drive for New Bethany Ministries

In collaboration with our friends at New Bethany Ministries, Nativity will provide items slightly harder to come by for folks suffering economic insecurity at this time of year. Our four items of commitment are:

Men's and/or Women's Deodorant  
Family Size Shampoo and/or Conditioner  
Bar Soap  
Monetary Donations

Items should be brand new, unopened, and full size (enough for a family to use, not travel or hotel size, please!). Monetary donations may be made by check, sent to the Cathedral office with "Thanksgiving Drive" in the memo; or may be made online under "Thanksgiving Drive", and will be used to purchase more of these items. If you do not wish to leave the house, order online and have items shipped directly to the Cathedral (c/o Dale Grandfield) Questions:

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### Looking to make a difference?

- \* Homeless Shelter Ministry: Contact [deaconrodney@nativitycathedral.org](mailto:deaconrodney@nativitycathedral.org)
- \* Prayer Shawl Ministry: Contact [sallymsnyder@verizon.net](mailto:sallymsnyder@verizon.net)
- \* New Bethany Lunch Cooking: First Tuesday of every month. Contact: [teisenreich@nativitycathedral.org](mailto:teisenreich@nativitycathedral.org)
- \* Volunteer in our Thrift Shop Ministry: Contact Connie Gilbert [cgil123@hotmail.com](mailto:cgil123@hotmail.com)



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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, DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> AT  
5 P.M. CELTIC CHRISTMAS

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neighbors locally and abroad visit [www.nativitycathedral.org](http://www.nativitycathedral.org) or call 610-865-0727

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December 12, 5:00 p.m. Virtual only (No in person)



### **The Feast**

A Celebration of Eucharistic (Thanksgiving) in the Celtic Spirit  
Live Celtic Music, Prayers in the Celtic Tradition, sharing of communion  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month 5 p.m.