

## **Celtic Evening Prayer 17 March 2021**

### **Opening Prayer**

Who is it that you seek? We seek the Lord our God.

Do you seek him with all your heart? Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek him with all your soul? Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek him with all your mind? Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek him with all your strength? Amen. Christ, have mercy.

### **Thanksgiving**

O God, for your love for us, warm and brooding, which has brought us to birth and opened our eyes to the wonder and beauty of creation. We give you thanks.

For your love for us, wild and freeing, which has awakened us to the energy of creation: to the sap that flows, the blood that pulses, the heart that sings. We give you thanks.

For your love for us, compassionate and patient, which has carried us through our pain, wept beside us in our sin, and waited with us in our confusion. We give you thanks.

For your love for us, strong and challenging, which has called us to risk for you, asked for the best in us, and shown us how to serve. We give you thanks.

O God we come to celebrate that our Holy Spirit is present deep within us, and at the heart of all life. Forgive us when we forget your gift of love made know to us in Jesus, and draw us into your presence.

### **Readings**

The plans of the mind belong to mortals, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD. All one's ways may be pure in one's own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirit. Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established. (Proverbs 16: 1-3)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. (Colossians 3: 12-15)

### **Meditation**

I praise the wounds and the blood of the lamb that heals the weakness of my body, I praise the wounds and the blood of the lamb that heals the weakness

of my soul, I praise the wounds and the blood of the lamb that heals the weakness of my spirit.

Praise be to the blood of the lamb in His forgiving power,  
Praise be to the blood of the lamb in His cleansing power,  
Praise be to the blood of the lamb in His saving power,  
Praise be to the blood of the lamb in His releasing power,  
Praise be to the blood of the lamb in His victorious power,  
Praise be to the blood of the lamb in His renewing power,  
Praise be to the blood of the lamb in His protecting power.

For they who believe in the power of the blood of Jesus, nothing is impossible.

### **Canticle**

In the shadow of Your wings I will sing your praises O Lord.  
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The Lord is my light, my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the refuge of my life;  
Of whom shall I be afraid? In the shadow of Your wings I will sing your praises O Lord.  
One thing I ask of the Lord, one thing I seek; To dwell in the presence of my God,  
To gaze on Your holy place. In the shadow of Your wings I will sing your praises O Lord.  
I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. O wait for the Lord!  
Have courage and wait, Wait for the Lord.  
In the shadow of Your wings I will sing your praises O Lord.

### **Blessing**

Peace to the land and all that grows on it. Peace to the sea and all that swims in it.  
Peace to the air and all that flies through it. Peace with our God who calls us to serve.

The creator who brought order out of chaos give peace to you.  
The Saviour who calmed the raging seas give peace to you.  
The Spirit who broods upon the deeps give peace to you.