

Celtic Evening Prayer



Sundays

at 5pm

on Zoom

Preparation

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

We light a candle to remind us of the presence of God

Opening responses

Come to us this night O God

Come to us with light

Speak to us this night O God

Speak to us your word

Dwell with us this night O God

Dwell with us in love

Let my prayer rise before you as incense,

The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thanks be to you O Christ

For the many gifts you have bestowed on us, each day and night,

each sea and land, each weather fair, each calm, each wild.

Each night may we remember your mercy given so gently and so generously

Each thing we have received, from you it came.

Each thing for which we hope, from your love it will come.

Each thing we enjoy, it is of your bounty.

Each thing we ask, comes of your disposing.

O God, from whom each thing that is, freely flows

Grant that no tie over strict, no tie over dear, may be between ourselves and this world. Amen

Prayers of Repentance

Jesus, forgive my sins.

Forgive the sins that I can remember,
and also the sins I have forgotten.

Forgive the wrong actions I have committed,
and the right actions I have omitted.

Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of temptation,
and those when I have been stubborn in the face of correction.

Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements,
and those when I have failed to boast of your works.

Forgive the harsh judgements I have made of others,
and the leniency I have shown to myself.

Forgive the lies I have told to others,
and the truths I have avoided.

Forgive me the pain I have caused others,
and the indulgence I have shown to myself.

Jesus have pity on me, and make me whole.

May God forgive us, Christ renew us and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.

Amen

Psalm

Either

Psalm 90.1-4

¹Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

²Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

³You turn us back to the dust and say, 'Go back, O child of earth.'

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday
when it is past and like a watch in the night.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son:

And to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now:

And shall be for ever. Amen.

Or

Psalm 63.1-9

¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

²Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.

³For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

⁴So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

⁵My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.

⁷For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.

⁸My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

⁹May those who seek my life to destroy it
go down into the depths of the earth;

Glory to the Father and to the Son:

And to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now:

And shall be for ever. Amen.

The Word of God

O God, as these words are read,
In our hearts may we feel your presence.

Scripture is read - silence may be kept

Music for reflection

Affirmation of Faith

We believe,
O God of all gods,
that you are the eternal God of life,
we believe you are the eternal God of Love

**We believe,
O God and maker of all creation,
that you are the maker of the high heavens,
that you are creator of the deep seas,
that you are the creator of the stable earth.**

We believe, O God of all people,
that you created our souls and
bodies and gave them breath, that
you made us in your own image.

**We give you our worship,
with our whole lives,
we give you our assent
with our whole power,
we give you our existence
with our whole mind,
we give you our kneeling
with our whole desire.
Amen.**

Prayers

Lord, draw near,

Lord, draw near and stay

Let us bring to mind and pray for those who need to be remembered tonight.

Those who have made the news headlines today because of what they have done or said...

Lord, draw near,

Lord, draw near and stay

Those who live in the broken and hurting places of this world, the places of conflict and unrest, disaster, poverty and hunger ...

Lord, draw near,

Lord, draw near and stay

Those who have been brought to our attention through a meeting or conversation or a sudden thought.....

Lord, draw near,

Lord, draw near and stay

Those who are in hospital, in the care of others, or who are anxious, troubled or fearful.....

Lord, draw near,

Lord, draw near and stay

Those who are waiting for a birth, or a death, or news which will affect their lives...

Lord, draw near,

Lord, draw near and stay

Those who are seeking and searching for a God who believes in them and with whom they can find a home...

Lord, draw near,

Lord, draw near and stay

Those whose names are on our hearts and who we should not forget to bring before God tonight....

Lord, draw near,

Lord, draw near and stay

Lord, we believe that you hear our prayer and will be faithful to your promise to answer us as you have been faithful before.

When our eyes open again,
may they do so, not to end our devotions,
but to expect your kingdom,
for Jesus' sake.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Amen.

Closing responses

Keep watch, dear Lord,
with those who work,
or watch, or weep this night,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend the sick, Lord Christ;
give rest to the weary,
bless the dying, soothe the suffering,

pity the afflicted,
shield the joyous;
and all for your love's sake.
Amen.

Blessing

Now may the Spirit of God,
who brooded over the waters
and brought order out of chaos,
find a home in our hearts
and settle our minds as we sleep
that tomorrow we may wake
and live to God's glory.
Amen