

# Shared Ministry in Exning and North Newmarket

## An Order for Night Prayer in Celtic Tradition

16<sup>th</sup> September

7pm



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## A Celtic Evening Liturgy

### Opening Responses

Come to us this night, O, God,

*All; Come to us with light*

Speak to us this night, O, God,

*All; Speak to us your Truth*

Dwell with us this night, O, God,

*All; Dwell with us in love.*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thanks be to you O Christ

*All; 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 generously

*All Each thing we have received from you it came;*

*Each thing for which we hope, From your love will it com;*

*Each thing we enjoy, it is of you bounty;*

*Each thing we ask, Comes from your disposing.*

Oh God from whom each thing that is, freely flow.

*All Grant that no tie over strict, no tie over dear,*

*May be between ourselves and this world. Amen*

### The Word of God

O God, As these words are read

*All; In our hearts may we feel your presence*

### Psalm 134

1 Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord,  
which by night stand in the house of the Lord.

2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,  
and bless the Lord.

3 The Lord that made heaven and earth  
bless thee out of Zion.

### Reading from the Book of Wisdom 3: 1-9

3 But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.

2 In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,

3 and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.

4 For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.

5 Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;

6 like gold in the furnace he tried them,  
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.

7 In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,  
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

8 They will govern nations and rule over peoples,  
and the Lord will reign over them forever.

9 Those who trust in him will understand truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,  
and he watches over his elect.[]

### A short talk or Reflection

### Affirmation of Faith

*We believe, O God of all gods, That you are the eternal God of life,  
We believe, O God of all gods, That you are the eternal God of love:*

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

*We believe, O God of all the peoples, that you created our souls and set their warp, that you created our 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*

### **Prayers**

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

***Our Father.....***

### **Conclusion**

**All:** *May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all, now and evermore. Amen*

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