

Shared Ministry in Exning and North Newmarket

An Order for Night Prayer in Celtic Tradition

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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 119 129-152

129 Your teachings are wonderful;

I obey them with all my heart.

130 The explanation of your teachings gives light

and brings wisdom to the ignorant.

131 In my desire for your commands

I pant with open mouth.

132 Turn to me and have mercy on me
as you do on all those who love you.

133 As you have promised, keep me from falling;
don't let me be overcome by evil.

134 Save me from those who oppress me,
so that I may obey your commands.

135 Bless me with your presence
and teach me your laws.

136 My tears pour down like a river,
because people do not obey your law.

The Justice of the Law of the Lord

137 You are righteous, Lord,
and your laws are just.

138 The rules that you have given
are completely fair and right.

139 My anger burns in me like a fire,
because my enemies disregard your commands.

140 How certain your promise is!
How I love it!

141 I am unimportant and despised,
but I do not neglect your teachings.

142 Your righteousness will last forever,
and your law is always true.

143 I am filled with trouble and anxiety,
but your commandments bring me joy.

144 Your instructions are always just;
give me understanding, and I shall live.

145 With all my heart I call to you;
answer me, Lord, and I will obey your commands!

146 I call to you;
save me, and I will keep your laws.
147 Before sunrise I call to you for help;
I place my hope in your promise.
148 All night long I lie awake,
to meditate on your instructions.
149 Because your love is constant, hear me, O Lord;
show your mercy, and preserve my life!
150 My cruel persecutors are coming closer,
people who never keep your law.
151 But you are near to me, Lord,
and all your commands are permanent.
152 Long ago I learned about your instructions;
you made them to last forever.

Reading from 2 Chronicles 29 1-19

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 , Reflection or A Celtic Parable

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*