

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 48

48 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, on the mountain of His holiness.

² Beautiful in situation, the joy of the whole earth is Mount Zion; on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

³ God is known in her palaces as a refuge.

4 For lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.
5 They saw it and so they marveled; they were troubled and hastened away.
6 Fear took hold upon them there, and pain as of a woman in travail;
7 Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.
8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. Selah
9 We have thought of Thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple.
10 According to Thy name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth; Thy right hand is full of righteousness.
11 Let Mount Zion rejoice! Let the daughters of Judah be glad because of Thy judgments!
12 Walk about Zion and go round about her, count the towers thereof;
13 mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation that follows.
14 For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even unto death.

Reading from Deuteronomy 10: 12-end

12 "And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,
13 to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command thee this day for thy good?
14 Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is.
15 Only the Lord had a delight in thy fathers to love them; and He chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.
16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.
17 For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty and a fearsome, who regardeth not persons nor taketh reward.
18 He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger in giving him food and raiment.
19 Love ye therefore the stranger, for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.
20 Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God; Him shalt thou serve, and to Him shalt thou cleave and swear by His name.

- ²¹ He is thy praise, and He is thy God, who hath done for thee these great and fearsome things which thine eyes have seen.
- ²² Thy fathers went down into Egypt with threescore and ten persons, and now the Lord thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

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

A short talk, Reflection, or A Celtic Parable

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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