

Celtic Evening Prayer

'Bring the whole of your life under the ordering of the spirit of Christ. Are you open to the healing power of God's love? Cherish that of God within you, so that this love may grow in you and guide you. Let your worship and your daily life enrich each other. Treasure your experience of God, however it comes to you. Remember that Christianity is not a notion but a way.'

(From Advices & Queries QFP)

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

My soul waits for the Lord
more than those
who watch for the morning,
more than those
who watch for the morning.

Response: O Lord, hear my voice.

Call: With my whole heart I want to praise You.

Response: O Lord, hear my voice.

Call: If you, Lord, should mark iniquities:

Response: Who could stand? who could stand?

I will wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in His word do I hope.

(Expressions of faith)

Lord, You have always given
bread for the coming day;
and though I am poor,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always given
strength for the coming day;
and though I am weak,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always given
peace for the coming day;
and though of anxious heart,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always kept
me safe in trials;

and now, tried as I am,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always marked
the road for the coming day;
and though it may be hidden,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always lightened
this darkness of mine;
and though the night is here,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always spoken
when time was ripe;
and though you be silent now,
today I believe.

Scripture Reading Mark 5: 35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat

into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion: and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' then the wind ceased, and there was dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' and they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Meditation

If I choose to hide you away, it is for a reason.
I have brought you to this place.
Drink in the silence. Seek solitude.

Listen to the silence.

It will teach you. It will build strength.
Let others share it with you.
It is little to be found elsewhere.

Silence will speak more to you than the world of voices
can teach you in a lifetime.
Find silence. Find solitude - and having discovered her riches,
bind her to your heart.

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Prayer

Lord the world is waiting, waiting for you and your Church:
Waiting for the great Word that will release the human race from despair and failure.
The world is waiting:
The poor to be enriched, the hungry to be fed, the sorrowful to be comforted, the oppressed and persecuted to be set free.
To this end, Lord, teach us to be poor with Christ, hungry and sorrowful with him whatever bitterness hatred or punishment others may see fit to inflict upon us.
So, may you be glorified, in us as in him, now and forever. Amen

Canticle

**In the shadow of Your wings
I will sing Your praises, O Lord.**

**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
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.
to gaze on Your holy place.**

Blessing

See that ye be at peace among yourselves, my children,
and love one another.
Follow the example of the wise and good
and God will comfort you and help you,
both in this world
and in the world which is to come.

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

