

## Celtic Evening Prayer – Lent

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” - *John 8:12*



### Music and Meditation

#### Confession

God our Father, long-suffering, full of grace and truth, you create us from nothing and give us life. You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside. We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### *Bidding Prayer*

Come, Lord, come to us.  
Enter our darkness with your light,  
Fill our emptiness with your presence,  
Come refresh, restore, renew us.  
In our sadness, come as joy,  
In our troubles, come as peace,  
In our fearfulness, come as hope,  
In our darkness, come as light,  
In our frailty, come as strength,  
In our loneliness come as love,  
Come, refresh, restore, renew us. **Amen.**

#### Psalm

(See Readings Sheet)

#### First Reading

(See Readings Sheet)

#### *A Song of Hosea* (*Hosea 6:1-3*)

Come, let us return to our God, \*  
who has torn us and will heal us.  
God has struck us and will bind up our wounds, \*  
after two days revive us,  
On the third day restore us, \*  
that in God's presence we may live.  
Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the Lord, \*

whose justice dawns like morning light,  
its dawning as sure as the sunrise.  
God's justice will come to us like a shower, \*  
like spring rains that water the earth.

## **Second Reading**

(See Readings Sheet)

### ***Canticle***

Christ, as a light  
Illumine and guide us.  
Christ, as a shield  
overshadow us.  
Christ under us;  
Christ over us;  
Christ beside us  
on our left and our right.  
This day be within and without us,  
lowly and meek, yet all powerful.  
Christ as a light;  
Christ as a shield;  
Christ beside us  
be on our left and our right.



### **Music and Meditation**

### ***Declaration of Faith***

God of all people,  
God of heaven and earth, sea and rivers,  
God of sun and moon and all the stars,  
God of high mountains and low valleys,  
God over heaven and in heaven and under heaven.  
God dwells in heaven and in earth and in all things within them.  
God inspires all, enlivens all, is over all, supports all.  
God makes the sun to shine, the lights of the night,  
and wells in the dry earth.  
God has a Son, co-eternal with himself,  
and the Holy Spirit breathes in them.  
The Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit are not separate.

We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty  
We believe and trust in Jesus Christ His Son.  
We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.  
We believe and trust in the Three in One.  
**Amen.**

### ***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.***



### **Music and Meditation**

#### **Intersessions**

Risen Christ, into your hands we place our families, our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ, and all with whom we have connected today.

**Enfold them in your will.**

Risen Christ, into your hands we place all who are victims of prejudice, oppression or neglect; the frail, the unwanted.

**May everyone be cherished from conception to the grave.**

Risen Christ, into your hands we place all who are restless, sick, or prey to the powers of evil.

**Tenderly watch over them.**

Risen Christ, bring renewal to the land and to the church; to ordained ministries and to religious communities.

**Raise up new callings and communities that meet the need of our times.**

## **Night Shielding**

We are placing our souls and bodies  
Under Your guarding this night O Spirit  
O gentle comforter, teacher and guide,  
Our advocate and companion.

We are placing our souls and bodies  
Under your guarding this night, O Christ,  
O Son of the tears, of the wounds, of the piercings,  
May your cross this night be shielding me.  
May your cross this night be shielding me.

We are placing our souls and bodies  
Under your guarding this night, O God,  
O Father of help to the poor feeble pilgrims,  
Protector of earth and of heaven,  
Protector of earth and of heaven.



## **Music and Meditation**

The peace of the Father be with us,  
The peace of Christ be with us,  
The peace of the Spirit be with us  
and with our families,  
From the day that we have here today  
To the day at the end of our lives.  
The grace of the Father be with us,  
The grace of Christ be with us  
The grace of the Spirit be with us  
and with our families,  
For an hour, for ever, for eternity. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**