

# Celtic Evening Service – Ordinary Time



I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.”-  
*John 15:5*



## *Music and Meditation*

### **Confession:**

Count us not as nothing, O God,  
count us not as nothing, O Christ,  
count us not as nothing, O kind Spirit,  
nor abandon us to eternal loss.

We confess our sins to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Compassionate God of life, your kindly  
pardon give:

for our careless talk,  
our broken oath, our empty speech;  
for all that we have left undone,  
for all that we have done amiss.

Jesus, only begotten Son and Lamb of God the Father, you gave the blood of your body to save us  
from the grave. As we receive the Word and knowledge of your forgiveness, enshield us, encircle  
us, each day, each night, each dark, each light.

Uphold us, be our treasure, our triumph everlasting; strong Son of God most high. **Amen**

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true  
repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **Bidding Prayer**

O Christ of the least and the homeless,  
O Christ of the lost and betrayed,  
Come close to us this night.  
That we may come close to you.  
As you watched us with care at our souls' shapings,  
Look on us now with grace.  
As you blessed us with light at the sun's rising,  
Shine on us now with love. **Amen**

***Psalm (See Readings Sheet)***

***First Reading (see insert)***

**Celtic Exsultet**

Leap and spin, you powers of Heaven,  
Burst into explosive songs of joy,  
all you companies of angels.  
Let the throne of God be surrounded  
with the praises of that has life.

The earth glories in her Maker.  
Now mountain and valley glow with splendor;  
the sea on the shore whispers the praises of Jesus.  
Rivers stream through thirsty soil,  
bringing new of gladness –  
the Redeemer is risen. His Glory fills the earth.  
The trees thunder their praises,  
and loudly clap their hands.

Sound a trumpet through all the earth.  
Our Morning Star is alive!  
Risen in splendor, He is among us;  
The darkness is driven back.  
We, His people, join in the dance of all creation.

We praise the blood of the Lamb  
that has bought our freedom  
and reversed the curse of disobedience  
and willfulness.

Jesus is the true Lamb that was slain,  
whose blood is on the door of our hearts,  
whose blood is the protection of the homes  
of all believers.

***Second Reading (see insert)***

**A Song of God's Love**

*1 John 4:7-11*

Beloved, let us love one another, \*  
for love is of God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, \*  
for God is Love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us, \*  
that God sent his only Son into the world,  
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us \*  
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, \*  
we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us, \*  
and God's love will be perfected in us.



## *Music and Meditation*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Rejoice in the Lord**

In times of happiness be with us Lord.  
In times of trial be with us Lord.  
In times of darkness be with us Lord.  
In times of light be with us Lord.

We are encircled in the power of your suffering.  
We are encircled in the power of your death.  
We are encircled in the power of your resurrection.  
We are encircled in the power of your ascension.

In faith we abide in the love of the Father.  
In faith we abide in the love of the Son.  
In faith we abide in the love of the Spirit.  
In faith we abide in the love of the Blessed Trinity.

Rejoice in the light of Christ!  
Rejoice in the love of Christ!  
Rejoice in the strength of Christ!  
Rejoice in the salvation by Christ!

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into  
temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for  
ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Night Shielding**

We are placing our souls and bodies  
Under the 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 heaven.



## ***Music and Meditation***

The peace of God be with us,  
The peace of Christ be with us,  
The peace of 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 God 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**



Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.