## **Celtic Evening Prayer**

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

those who watch for the morning. Psalm 150



Call Out of the depths I have cried to You.

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?

Call I will wait for the Lord.

Response My soul waits, and in His word do I hope.

#### **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.* 

**Psalm** See Reading Sheet

First Reading See Reading Sheet

A Song of Our True Nature (Julian of Norwich)

Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, \*

our trespasses and our humiliations.

Christ also revealed his blessed power, \*

his blessed wisdom and love.

He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need; \*

he raises us in spirit and turns everything to glory and joy without ending. God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature;

God is the true father and mother of natures. We are all bound to God by nature, \* and we are all bound to God by grace. And this grace is for all the world, \* because it is our precious mother, Christ. For this fair nature was prepared by Christ for the honor and nobility of all, \* and for the joy and bliss of salvation.

#### **Second Reading**

See Reading Sheet



### **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 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 us.
May your cross this night be shielding us.

We are placing our souls and bodies
Under your guarding this night, O Father,
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 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 and with our families,

For an hour, forever, for eternity. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God**