

Celtic Evening Prayer – December 2, 2020

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

Opening sentences

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

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?**

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.

Discussion of *Together Advent* (Introduction – page 7)

Today's Scripture Reading

Psalm 144:5,11–12,15 Part your heavens, O LORD, and come down; touch the mountains, so that they smoke. Deliver me and rescue me from the hands of foreigners whose mouths are full of lies, whose right hands are deceitful. Then our sons in their youth will be like well-nurtured plants, and our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace. Blessed are the people of whom this is true; blessed are the people whose God is the LORD.

Isaiah 28:10 For it is: Do and do, do and do, rule on rule, rule on rule; a little here, a little there.”

Matthew 13:52 He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

Today's Meditation

IN RETURNING

In returning to Me, and waiting for Me, shall you be saved.
In quietness and confidence is your strength.
But we would trust ourselves and stand in our own strength
and we shall be ashamed upon that day.

But the Lord still waits for you to show to you His love as He has said.
And He, He will conquer you so that He may bless you with Himself.
Blessed are they who wait upon the Lord for they shall weep no more,
neither be afraid.

O my people in Jerusalem, weep no more, for the Lord shall be gracious unto you,
and show to you His love, as He has said. And though He give to you the bread
and water of adversity, with your own eyes you shall see your King, and you shall
say, you shall say: Blessed is He! Blessed is He! Blessed is He who comes in the
Name of the Lord! Blessed is He! Blessed is He!

Tear down your images and the idols that you have made, for the Lord has
prepared a fire to cover the earth.

And the glory of the Lord shall descend upon His hill upon that day.
And the law of the Lord shall go out from Zion in His name.
And all the nations of the earth shall bow before the One they have pierced.
And the poor of the earth shall rejoice: Messiah has come!

Jesus! Emmanuel! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Lion of Judah, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Tear down your images and the idols that you have made, for the Lord has
prepared a fire to cover the earth.

Prayers for others

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,
to gaze on Your holy place.

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.

Blessing

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

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