



## Celtic Prayer Service

This liturgy is based on ancient Celtic sources compiled and adapted from Alexander Carmichael's *Carmina Gadelica*.

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

### Proclaiming the Light

Let the brightness of the Lord be upon us.

**Bring us from the new light of this day, O God, to the guiding light of eternity.**

#### \*Opening Praise

Jim Murray

We praise you, blessed Father, for the generous gift of creation: the beaming sun, the guiding stars, and the warming fire.

**Alleluia.**

We thank you, blessed Son, for the gentle gift of revelation: the torch of faith, your Word to illumine our way, and the shining example of all heaven's saints and angels.

**Alleluia.**

We thank you blessed Spirit, for the gentle gift of inspiration. Incite us to obey you, ignite us with joy about you, and sustain us with hope for you.

**Alleluia.**

#### \*Hymn #469

*Morning Has Broken*

Bunessan

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prayer for Guidance

Thanks be to you, Jesus Christ, who brought us up from last night to the joyous light of this day,

**Who won everlasting life for our souls through the blood you shed for us,**

In the steep common path of your calling, be it easy or uneasy to our flesh,

**Be it bright or dark for us to follow, may your own perfect guidance be upon us.**

We beseech you to shield us from sin, we beseech you to shield us from ill.

**O Christ of the poor! O Christ of the wounds! Give us wisdom along with your grace.**

May the Holy One claim us, and protect us on sea and on land.

**And lead us from step to step to the peace of the everlasting city.**

**Amen.**

Meditations by the Sea by Delia Halverson

\*Hymn #276

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Faithfulness

Prayer for Grace

The strength of the Triune be our defense in distress.

**The strength of the precious Father, King of grace.**

The strength of Christ, his peace and his Passover.

**The strength of the Spirit, physician of health.**

May our weakness ever be covered by his might

*(silent individual reflection)*

Pour down upon us from heaven the rich blessings of your forgiveness

**You are the foremost in the City, be patient with us.**

Grant us, Savior of Glory, the love of God, the friendship of God, the affection of God.

**And the will of God to do on earth at all times, as angels and saints do in heaven. Amen.**

Scripture – Psalm 144:1-15

Read by Betty Bryan

Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Bend down your ears to us, O God.

**Let our prayers ascend upward to you.**

We offer to you the concerns of this day.

*(prayer of intercession)*

Let us say together the prayer our Lord Jesus Christ taught us.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Offering and \*Doxology**

**Scripture** – Matthew 5:1-16

Read by Jim McCord

**\*Hymn #438**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Dennis

### **Daily Prayer**

May we speak each day according to your justice,  
Each day may we show your chastening, O God.  
May we speak each day according to your wisdom.  
Each day and night may we be at peace with you.  
Each day may we count the causes of your mercy.  
May we each day give heed to your laws.  
Each day may we compose to you a son.  
May we harp each day your praise, O God.  
May we each day give love to you, Jesus.  
Each night may we do the same.  
Each day and night, dark and light,  
May we laud your goodness, O God.  
Keep our coracle, keep it always.  
Be a bright flame before us,  
Be a guiding star above us,  
Be a smooth path below us,  
And be a kindly shepherd behind us, Christ with us sleeping.  
Today, tonight, and forever.  
Christ with us waking.  
Christ with us watching.  
Every day and night,  
Each day and night.  
God with us protecting.  
The Lord with us directing.  
The Spirit with us strengthening.  
For ever and ever more, Amen.

## Closing Dedication

Now to the Father who created each creature.

**Now to the Son who paid ransom for his people.**

Now to the Spirit, comforter of might.

**The best hour of the day be yours.**

The best day of the week be yours.

**The best week of the year be yours.**

The best year in the Son of God's domain be yours.

**For ever and for evermore.**

## Dismissal and Passing of the Peace

May you be filled this day with the mercy of our God.

**Amen.**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

May we share a sign of that peace and God's love with one another.

*After sharing the peace, depart in peace and in joy!*

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