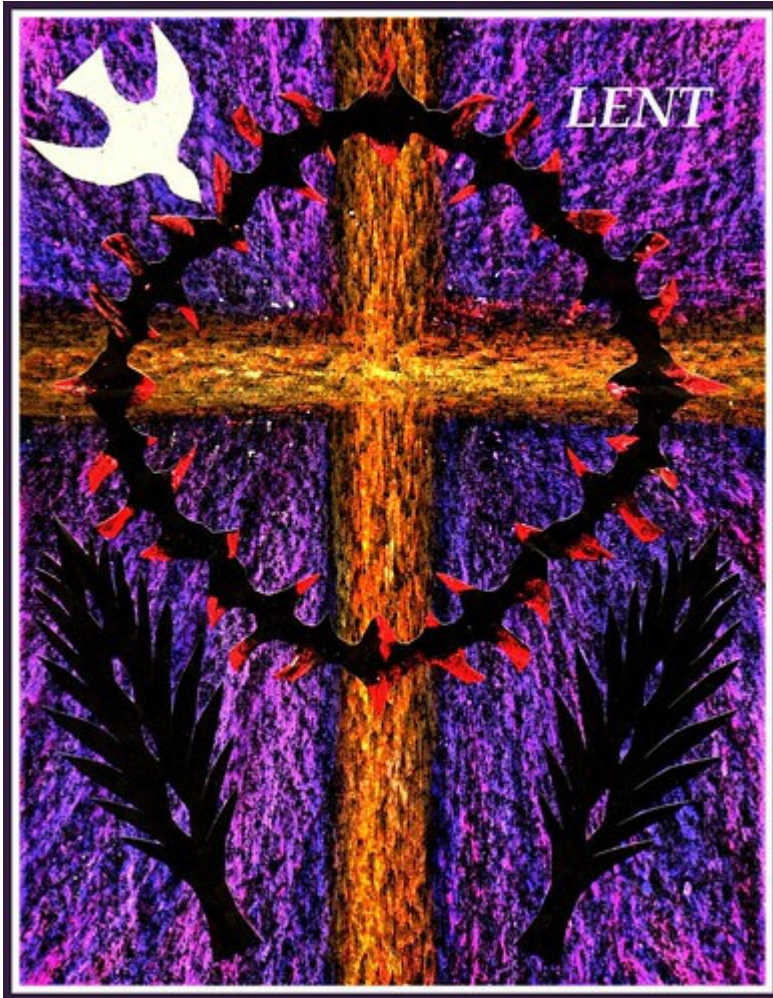


Celtic Evening Prayer



March 10, 2021

7:00 pm

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Bless the Lord my soul,

People: **And bless God's holy name.**

The musical score is written for a choir in 3/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system includes the following lyrics:

Latin Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num!
English Sing prai - ses, all you peo - ples, sing prai - ses to the Lord!

The second system includes the following lyrics:

Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num.
Sing prai - ses, all you peo - ples, sing prai - ses to the Lord.

Chord markings above the vocal line include E^b, Cm, Fm, B^b, and E^b.

OPENING PRAYER

You chose a people for your own, to lavish love upon, raised up prophets, priests, and kings, to be the nation through which the Messiah would be revealed to the world, and through whom your kingdom would come. You chose this people gathered here to be your children, loved and blessed, forgiven through the one who knew no sin, the King of Glory, whose crown was made of thorns, and whose name we raise in worship.

PSALM 76:1-6

Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD,
and the wonderful works he has done.

He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel,
which he commanded them to teach their children;

That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn;
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:17-19

Lector: Let us mark in holy scripture the good news of God
for our lives and for the world.

Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

A REFLECTION

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from the Iona Abbey*

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a
tree.

A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present,

and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life.

Amen

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray for ourselves and others.

Ostinato Chorale

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:

when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O

Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O

We pray for all who work through the power of Christ, serving the needs of the poor and healing the wounds of injustice, division, and materialism in our society.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the elderly, the sick, and the lonely among us: that they may receive comfort, companionship, and care from those around them.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that those who have been persecuted or seriously wronged by others may experience warmth and love with Christ, and be able to forgive those who have hurt them.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that when we are discouraged, we may find strength in the signs of a loving and faithful God in those around us, and the joy of the Holy Spirit within us.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whom we love but no longer see; those who have gone beyond the veil of this mortal life, that their souls and the souls of the departed may rest in peace. [The people may add their intercessions either silently or aloud.]

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who have asked for our prayers and for those who have no one to pray for them. [The people may add their intercessions either silently or aloud.]

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, support the sick, the dying, and all for whom this night will be a trial. And as you look upon us this evening, may the light of your countenance pass beyond our sins, even to the depths of our hearts: and bring to birth there a deep and trustful love, that we may be instruments of your peace. Amen.

THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God.

Forgive those things we have done
which have caused you sadness,
and those things we should have done
that would have brought you joy.

In both we have failed
ourselves and you.

Bring us back to that place
where our journey began,
when we said that we would follow
the way that you first trod.

Lead us to the Cross
and meet us there.

ABSOLUTION

Heavenly Father, you sent your Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Send your saving power upon all who turn to you and seek new life in your name. **Amen.**

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.

Ostinato Chorale

1. *mf*

p Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne
p Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall

f, *mf* *f* *mf*

na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
f, *mf* *f* *mf*
nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.

THE BLESSING

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.

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

Amen

“While I am asking God how I should observe an upcoming Lenten season, I may remember where I spiritually was during Lent the previous year and reflect on what has changed and what has stayed the same. I hear and read the familiar stories about Jesus as he approached the cross and am reminded that while my circumstances change, the truths of the gospel remain the same.”

— Charlotte Donlon



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