

An Order for Night Prayer (Compline) for the Feast of St. Columba, Abbott of Iona and Missionary. Led by Mike Appelbe
The responder on behalf of all is Wendy Curto

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord
Who made heaven and earth.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.

The following or other suitable words of penitence may be used

Most merciful God, we confess to you, before the whole company of heaven and one another, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do. Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia.

The following or another suitable hymn may be said or sung

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world we pray,
That with thy wonted favour thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread underfoot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally.

The Word of God

Psalms - One or more of the following psalms may be used.

Psalm 4

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; ♦
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; ♦
how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?

3 But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; ♦
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not; ♦
commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness ♦
and put your trust in the Lord.

6 There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?' ♦
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, ♦
more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, ♦
for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 91

1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High ♦
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,

2 Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold, ♦
my God, in whom I put my trust.'

3 For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler ♦
and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his wings and you shall be safe under his feathers; ♦
his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, ♦

nor of the arrow that flies by day;

**6 Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, ♦
nor of the sickness that destroys at noon-day.**

**7 Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, ♦
yet it shall not come near you.**

**8 Your eyes have only to behold ♦
to see the reward of the wicked.**

**9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge ♦
and the Most High your stronghold,**

**10 There shall no evil happen to you, ♦
neither shall any plague come near your tent.**

**11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, ♦
to keep you in all your ways.**

**12 They shall bear you in their hands, ♦
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

**13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; ♦
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.**

**14 Because they have set their love upon me, therefore will I deliver them; ♦
I will lift them up, because they know my name.**

**15 They will call upon me and I will answer them; ♦
I am with them in trouble, I will deliver them and bring them to honour.**

**16 With long life will I satisfy them ♦
and show them my salvation.**

Psalm 134

**1 Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, ♦
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.**

**2 Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary ♦
and bless the Lord.**

**3 The Lord who made heaven and earth ♦
give you blessing out of Zion.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading - Matthew 5:17-19 read by Jill Fitzpatrick

17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19 Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Reflection

**The following responsory may be said
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
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**For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.
I commend my spirit.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

**Alleluia, alleluia. Keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

Gospel Canticle

**The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said or sung
Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may**

watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.

- 1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: ♦ your word has been fulfilled.
 - 2 My own eyes have seen the salvation ♦ which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
 - 3 A light to reveal you to the nations ♦ and the glory of your people Israel.
- Luke 2.29-32

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen. Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.

Prayers led by Robin Crowther
PRAYING WITH THE CELTIC SAINTS - ST COLUMBA OF IONA

In the name of the sending Father.
In the name of the Son of the call.
In the name of the Dove descending.
In the name of the One in All.

If you come in certainty or confusion,
in anger or in anguish:
this time is for us.

If you come in silent suffering or hidden sorrow,
in pain or promise:
this time is for us.

If you come for your own or another's need,
for a private wound or the wound of the world:
this time is for us.

If you come and you do not know why,
to be here is enough:
this time is for us.

Come now, Christ of the forgiving warmth.
Come now, Christ of the yearning tears.
Come now, Christ of the transforming touch.
This time is for you.
this time is for us.

When the world tells us that we are what we do with our activity, our acumen or achievement

may we turn around and learn:
We are what we do with our silence.

When the world tells us that we are what we do with our spending power, selling power or our power of speech
may we turn around and learn:
We are what we do with our silence.

When the world tells us to drown the silent suffering of others with indifference or noise or to forget the art of stillness in the storm
may we turn around and learn:
We are what we do with our silence.

When the world tells us to rush in where angels fear to tread
may we turn around and learn:
that angels listen first, before they take a step,
for the voice of God in the silence. Amen

A CIRCLE PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Circle, O God, all those who work to protect and heal others.
We name before you those uppermost in our thoughts at this time:
Keep health within, keep sickness out;
Keep strength within, keep weariness out.
Circle, O God, all those who are feeling isolated and lonely.

Help us to help them know that they are not forgotten:
Keep peace within, keep turmoil out;
Keep light within, keep darkness out.
Circle, O God, all those who suffer the effects of conflict, famine, disease and homelessness.

We name before you the people and places we carry on our hearts:
Keep hope within, keep despair out;
Keep light within, keep darkness out.
Circle, O God, all those who work for peace. Encircle them with your presence.

Keep wisdom within, keep folly out;
Keep light within, keep darkness out.
Circle, O God, those known to us, who are in need of your healing today, those

who have died and those who mourn them
May they know your love and presence.

Help them to see your light in the darkness.

Circle, O God, those known to us, who are in need of your healing today, those

Lord, make us a channel of your blessing that we, like St Columba, might play our part in bringing your light into the world and your healing to those in need. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

For people of our nation

Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you. In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster. Do it again, we pray. Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders, Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers. Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all who grieve. Lord Jesus Christ, in these challenging and fearful days, turn your face towards us, have mercy upon us, and heal our land, we pray. Amen.

We keep a moment of silence.....

The Collect

Almighty God, who filled the heart of Columba with the joy of the Holy Spirit and with deep love for those in his care: may your pilgrim people follow him, strong in faith, sustained by hope, and one in the love that binds us to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Silence may be kept.

Visit our homes, O Lord, we pray, and drive far from them all the snares of the enemy; may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace, and may your blessing be always upon us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 tres-

pass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
For you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
For the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,
So do we look for you, O Christ.

Come with the dawning of the day
And make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;
the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace. Amen.