



Celtic Evening Prayer and Songs of Praise

Preparation

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

Song

Opening responses

Come to us this evening O God
Come to us with light

Speak to us this evening O God
Speak to us your word

Dwell with us this evening O God
Dwell with us in love

Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
**The lifting up of my hands as the
evening sacrifice**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thanks be to you O Christ
For the many gifts you have bestowed on us,

**each day and night,
each sea and land,
each weather fair,
each calm,
each wild.**

Each night may we remember your mercy given so gently and so generously

Each thing we have received, from you it came.

Each thing for which we hope, from your love it will come.

Each thing we enjoy, it is of your bounty.

Each thing we ask, comes of your disposing.

Song to prepare our hearts to welcome the word of God

Bible Reading

O God, as these words are read,
In our hearts may we feel your presence.

Scripture is read - silence may be kept.

Time for Reflection

Song(s) as we respond to the word of God

Affirmation of Faith

We believe O God of all gods,
that you are the eternal God of life,
we believe you are the eternal God of Love
**We believe, O God and maker of all creation,
that you are the maker of the high heavens,
that you are creator of the deep seas,
that you are the creator of the stable earth.**

We believe, O God of all people,
that you created our souls and bodies
and gave them breath,

that you made us in your own image.

**We give you our worship, with our whole lives,
we give you our assent with our whole power,
we give you our existence with our whole mind,
we give you our kneeling with our whole desire.
Amen.**

Song

Prayers

O Christ, kindle in our hearts a flame of love
to our neighbour,
to our foes,
to our friends,
to our kindred all

**O Christ of the poor and the yearning,
from the humblest thing that lives
to the name that is highest of all,
kindle in our hearts within a flame of love.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Blessing

Lord, you have been with us at our life's shaping

Be with us at our life's end

Lord, you have been with us at the Sun's rising

Be with us as the day ends.

The Lord protect us in our going and our coming;
and the blessing of God almighty....

Amen.

Final Song