

November 6, 2025

St. Columba's Evensong ~ Candle Light Evening Prayer Circle



Céad Mìle Fàilte! Welcome!

You are invited to light a candle and join in all of the songs,
but please remain muted except when you are reading or voicing a prayer.



John: *Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; you save both man and beast, O LORD.
How priceless is your love, O God!
Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light. **Amen.***

Psalm 36

Ann: The Holy One is in our midst.

(All) O come, let us worship.

Ann: Make haste, O God, to deliver us!

(All) O God, make haste to help me!

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!

May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

(All) *O Gracious Light ~ Phos hilaron*

1. O gra - cious Light, pure bright-ness of the ev - er - liv - ing

Fa - ther in heaven, O Je - sus Christ, ho - ly and

bless - ed! 2. Now as we come to the set - ting of the

sun, and our eyes be - hold the ves - per light, we sing your

prais - es, O God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

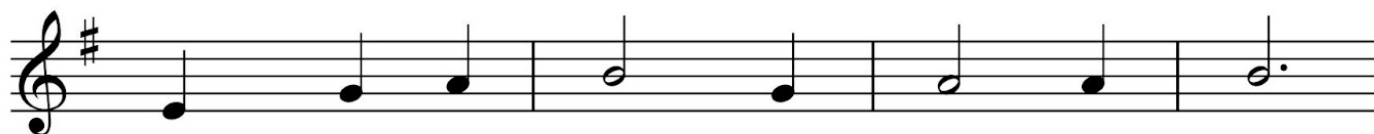
The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff introduces a second verse, marked with a '2.'. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth staff concludes the piece with the words 'prais - es, O God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.'.

Music setting: McNeil Robinson II, *The Hymnal 1982*

(All)



Now in the fad - ing light ____ of day,
Help and de - fend us through the night;
Fa - ther al - might - y, this ____ be done,



Ma - ker of all, to you we pray:
dan - ger and tor - ment put to flight;
through Je - sus Christ, our Lord your Son,



that with your ev - er watch - ful love,
nev - er let e - vil have ____ its way;
whom in the Spi - rit we ____ a - dore,



you guard and keep us from ____ a - bove.
pre - serve us for an - oth - er day.
who reigns with you for - ev - er more.



A - - - men.

Bev: Have mercy on us, O God, Almighty,
God of hosts, noble God, LORD of the world, unutterable God,
Creator of the elements, invisible God,
Heavenly One who abides in the heavens,
Have mercy on us. **Amen.**

Meg: Have mercy on us, O God, Almighty,
God of earth, God of fire, God of the waters of wonder,
God of the gusting and blustering air,
God of the many languages found throughout the world,
Heavenly One who abides in the heavens,
Have mercy on us. **Amen.**

Celtic Primer



Pause in silent examen:

- *1 Give thanks. Spend a few moments in gratitude for the gifts and blessings of the day.*
- *2 Ask for light. ...*
- *3 Examine the day. ...*
- *4 Seek forgiveness. ...*
- *5 Resolve to change.*

Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola

John: LORD God, we thank you for showing us your mercy today;
may that mercy extend to all those whom you entrust to our prayer;
and may it bring your peace to all people,
through Jesus Christ, our LORD. **Amen.**

John: LORD Jesus, support the sick, the dying,
and all for whom this coming night will be a trial.
Lead us with all our brothers and sisters
from darkness into your own wonderful light,
which shines for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Celtic Primer



Pause in silence.

(All) *I Listen to the Forest*



I lis - ten to the for - est in ca - the - drals made of trees,
I lis - ten to the whis - per of the riv - er as it flows,



and to the twi - light ves - pers as the sun falls to its knees.
and to the swir - ling bal - let of a thou - sand flakes of snow.



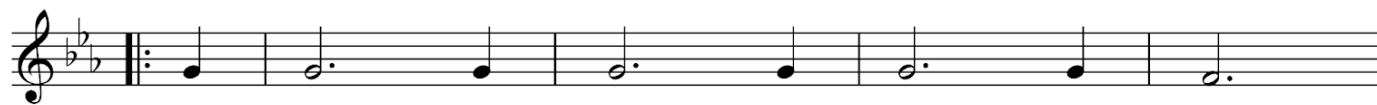
I lis - ten to the ech - oes ____ of the age - less can - yon walls,
And when I hear the ea - gle's wings ____ re - peat a soar - ing prayer,



and to the stained - glass wor - ship of the
and when the fal - ling stars cry out, I



rain - bow as it ____ calls: ____
know that God is ____ there. ____



Be still and know, be still and know,

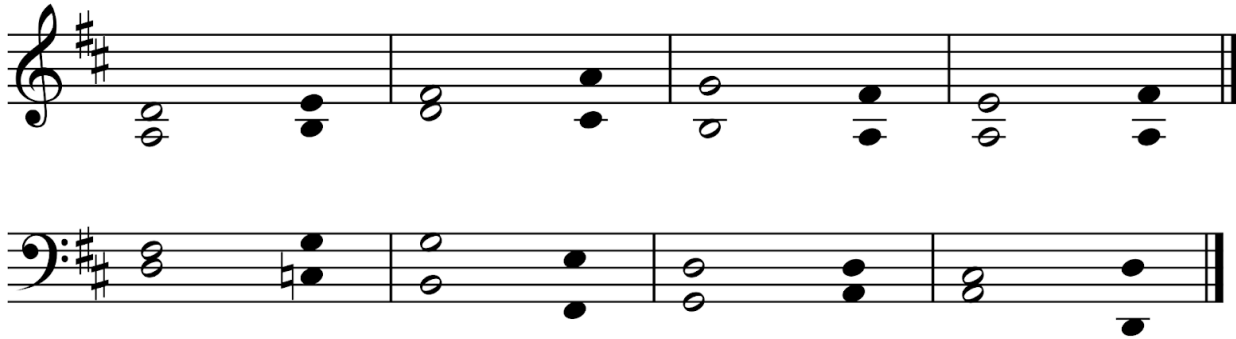


be still and know that I am ____ God. ____

Words: Pamela Martin, Music: Craig Courtney

(All) PSALM 91 *Qui habitat*





- 9 Because you have made the LORD your / refuge, *
and the Most High your habi/tation,
10 There shall no evil happen / to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your / dwelling.

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- 11 For God 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.

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- 15 You shall call upon me, and I will / answer you; *
I am with you in trouble; —
I will rescue you and bring you to / honor.
16 With long life will I / satisfy you, *
and show you my sal/vation.

Chant tone: Robert Knox Kennedy

Bill: Your eye, O God, is upon those who revere you, *
on those who wait upon your love,
to pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
Our soul waits for you; *
you are our help and our shield.

Meredith: Indeed, our heart rejoices in you, *
for in your holy Name we put our trust.
Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you. **Amen.** *Psalm 33:13-22*

(All) *When the night becomes dark* **Jacques Berthier, Taizé**



When the night be - comes — dark, your love, O Lord,
is — my fire; your love, O Lord, is — my fire.



Bev: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Luke. (6:20-31)*

(All) *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Bev: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Meg: "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

Bill: "But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Meredith: "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from

anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

May the words of the Gospel be made flesh in us.

(All) Praise to you, Lord Christ.



*Silent contemplative prayer ~ 9 minutes
in memory of George Floyd,
and all who cry out for mercy, truth, justice, and peace;
for light and healing in our lives and for the earth.
Let us pray for our nation and for the nations of the world:
for wisdom and peace among all people,
for cooperation, understanding, compassion;
for an end to hatred, war, and genocide.*



Ann: Let us share our own prayers and thanksgivings,
and pray for the needs of the world.

All are invited to voice your own prayers (unmuted).

Our response: O Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Ann: Now let us pray together:

Meg: (All): Eternal Spirit,

Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God in whom is heaven:

May the hallowing of your name echo throughout the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by all the people of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the harm we cause one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and stress, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love,
now and forever. **Amen.**

New Zealand Lord's Prayer, paraphrase by Jim Cotter

(All) *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

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

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter rest, then a half note chord of F4 and A4, a half note chord of G4 and Bb4, and a quarter rest. The instrumental line (bass clef) begins with a half note chord of F4 and A4, a half note chord of G4 and Bb4, a half note chord of F4 and A4, and a quarter rest.

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

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note chord of F4 and A4, a half note chord of G4 and Bb4, a half note chord of F4 and A4, a half note chord of G4 and Bb4, a half note chord of F4 and A4, and a quarter rest. The instrumental line has a half note chord of F4 and A4, a half note chord of G4 and Bb4, a half note chord of F4 and A4, and a quarter rest.

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

The third system concludes the phrase. The vocal line has a half note chord of F4 and A4, a half note chord of G4 and Bb4, a half note chord of F4 and A4, a half note chord of G4 and Bb4, a half note chord of F4 and A4, and a quarter rest. The instrumental line has a half note chord of F4 and A4, a half note chord of G4 and Bb4, a half note chord of F4 and A4, and a quarter rest.

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), Taizé Community

John: Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Meg: Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Bev: Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Bill: If you remove the yoke from among you,

the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry

and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

Meredith: The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

John: Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in. **Amen.** *Isaiah 58*

Hear what the Spirit is saying. All: Thanks be to God!



Pause in silence.

(All) *Jesus, Your Spirit in Us*

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Je - sus, your Spir - it in us is a well - spring of life ev - er - last - ing.

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in 4/4 time. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some chords. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Cantor: *O God, you are my God, for you I long, my soul thirsts for you.
I wish to gaze upon you, Lord, in your dwelling,
beholding your power and your glory.*

*Your steadfast love is better than life, my mouth will sing your praise.
I will bless you, O Lord, as long as I live, in your name, lift up my hands.*

*You have been my help, Lord; in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you; O God, your right hand holds me fast.*

(All) *In the Shadow of Your Wings*

AMCY

Part 1

In the shad - ow of your wings, I re - joice, al - le - lu - ia! ____

Part 2

In the shad - ow of your wings, I re - joice, al - le - lu - ia! ____

Part 3

In the shad - ow of your wings, I re - joice, al - le - lu - ia! ____

The musical score consists of three parts, each on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below each staff.

Bev: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.** *Philippians 4:4-8*

(All) *Put your trust in God*

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Put your trust in God, and do not fear.

God's peace will dwell deep with - in your hearts.

Put your trust in God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

John:

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen,
and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then, in your great mercy, grant us a safe lodging,
and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

Cardinal John Henry Newman

(All) *Nunc Dimittis*

Now in peace, O God, let your ser - vant go.

Al - - le - - lu - - ia, Al - - le - - lu - - ia!

For my eyes have seen your sal - va - - tion;

Al - - le - - lu - - ia, Al - le - lu - - ia!

Suzanne Toolan

(All) *Dismissal ~*

*And now, may God's deep blessing abide upon us,
as we go forth in the peace of Christ,
carrying Christ's light, love, and hope into the world.*

Thanks be to God!

Alleluia! Amen!



Thank you for coming together in prayer tonight!

*We will meet again next month on **Thursday, December 4.***

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