

June 5, 2025



***Celebrating the Feast
of St. Columba,
A.D. 521-597***

***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.*



Meg: *Let us adore the Lord, maker of marvelous works,
Bright heaven with its angels, and on earth the white-waved sea. **Amen.***

Old Irish Prayer

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 multiple 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*

Bev: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

to me the least of saints,

to me allow that I may keep even the smallest door,

the farthest, darkest, coldest door,

the door that is least used, the stiffest door.

If only it be in Your house, O God,

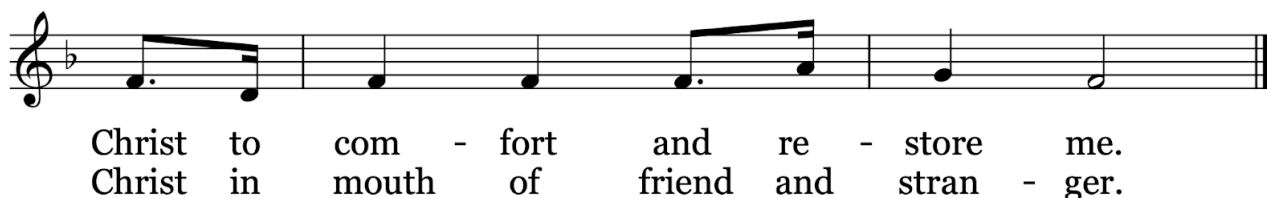
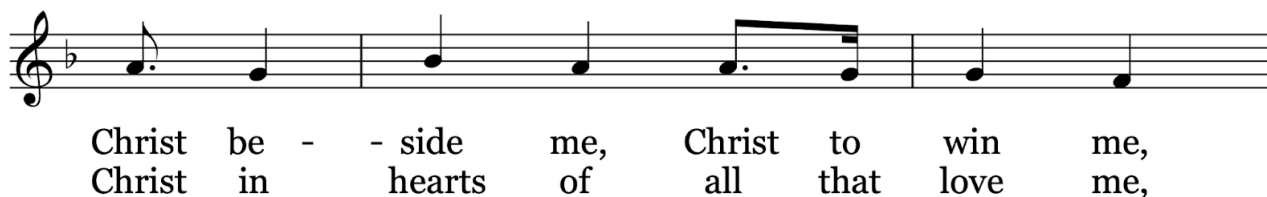
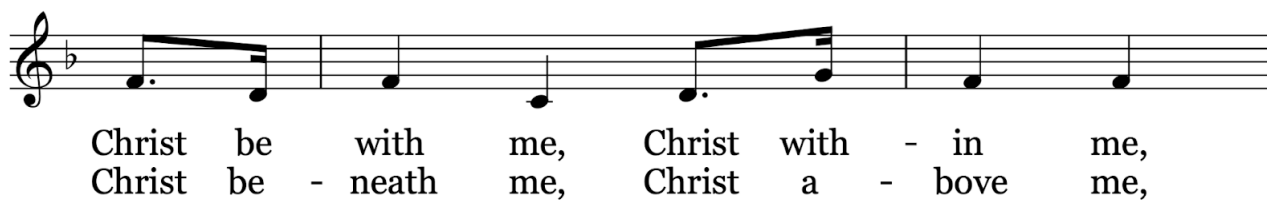
that I can see Your glory even afar,

and hear Your voice,

and know that I am with You, O God. **Amen.**

St. Columba

All: *Christ, Be with Me*



Meredith: LORD, you have searched me and known me;
you understand everything I do;
you are closer to me than my thoughts.
You see through my selfishness and weakness,
into my inmost self.
There is not one corner of my mind
that you do not know completely.
You are present before me, behind me,
and you hold me in the palm of your hand. ***Amen.***

Psalm 139, A Book of Psalms, Stephen Mitchell



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.**

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

(All) *Lord Jesus Christ*



Lord, Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us.

Let not my doubts nor my dark - ness speak to me.

Lord, Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us.

Let my heart al - ways wel - come your love.

Taizé Community, Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Meg: Alone with none but Thee, my God, I journey on my way;
 What need I fear, when Thou art near, O King of night and day?
 More safe I am within Thy hand, than if a host did round me stand.

Be a bright flame before me, O God, a guiding star above me.

Be a smooth path below me, a kindly shepherd behind me,
 today, tonight, and for ever. **Amen.**

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(All) Psalm 23

The Hymnal 1982 - #645 The King of love my shepherd is



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23 Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody; harm. *Hymnal 1982*



Pause in silence.



Bill: **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to John (10:11-16)**

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

Bill: “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

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

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



Time for silent contemplative prayer ~ 9 minutes
in memory of George Floyd and all who cry out for mercy,
justice, and peace; for an end to war:
for the people of Gaza and Ukraine,
for all who suffer in war, especially the children;
for healing in our lives, in the earth,
in our nation and the world.



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, hear our prayer.

(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) Spirit, Open My Heart

REFRAIN



Spir - it, o - pen my heart_____ to the joy and pain of




liv - ing._____ As you love, may I love,_____ in re -




- ceiv - ing and in giv - ing,_____ Spir - it, o - pen my heart._____


VERSES




1. God, re - place my ston - y heart_____ with a
2. Write your love up - on my heart_____ with my
3. May I weep with those who weep,_____ share the



heart that's kind and ten - der._____ All my
law, my goal, my sto - ry._____ In each
joy of sis - - ter, bro - ther._____ In the



cold - - ness and fear_____ to your
thought, word, and deed,_____ may my
wel - - come of Christ,_____ may we



RETURN TO REFRAIN

grace I now sur - - ren - der._____
liv - - ing bring you glo - ry._____
wel - - come one an - - oth - er._____

Words: Ruth Duck (1947-2024). Music: Irish melody: Wild Mountain Thyme, arr. Daniel C. Damon

Katherine: The crown still blossoms round his sacred head

And he would also wreathe us altogether

Gathered in him. Though we have all been led

By many different paths, at last we gather

And find that all our paths have led to him,

Whether his beauty drew us here, or whether

It was companionship in grief. The hem

Of his good garment spreads that everyone

May touch it at some moment, as for them

His power of healing flows. And then the Son

Calls them to turn and meet him face to face,

Feel after him and find him, and to join

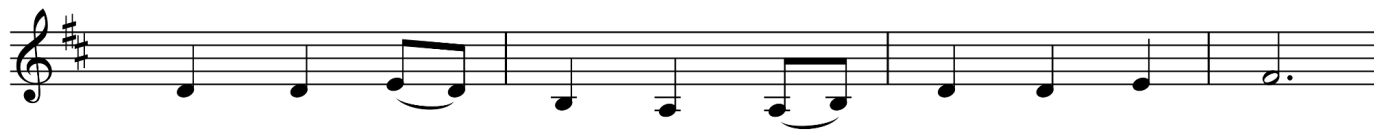
With all the others who have felt his grace.

It is indeed a good and joyful thing

To gather in one love and in one place. **Amen.**

Psalm 133: CXXXIII Ecce, quam bonum, David's Crown, Malcolm Guite

(All) *Be Thou My Vision*



1. Be thou my ___ vi - sion, O ___ Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my ___ wis - dom, be ___ thou my true Word;
3. High King of ___ hea - ven, when ___ vic - tory is won,



All else be naught to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
May I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my ___ best ___ thought, ___ by day or by night, ___
thou my ___ great ___ Fa - ther, thine own may I be, ___
Heart of ___ my ___ heart, ___ what - ev - er be - fall, ___

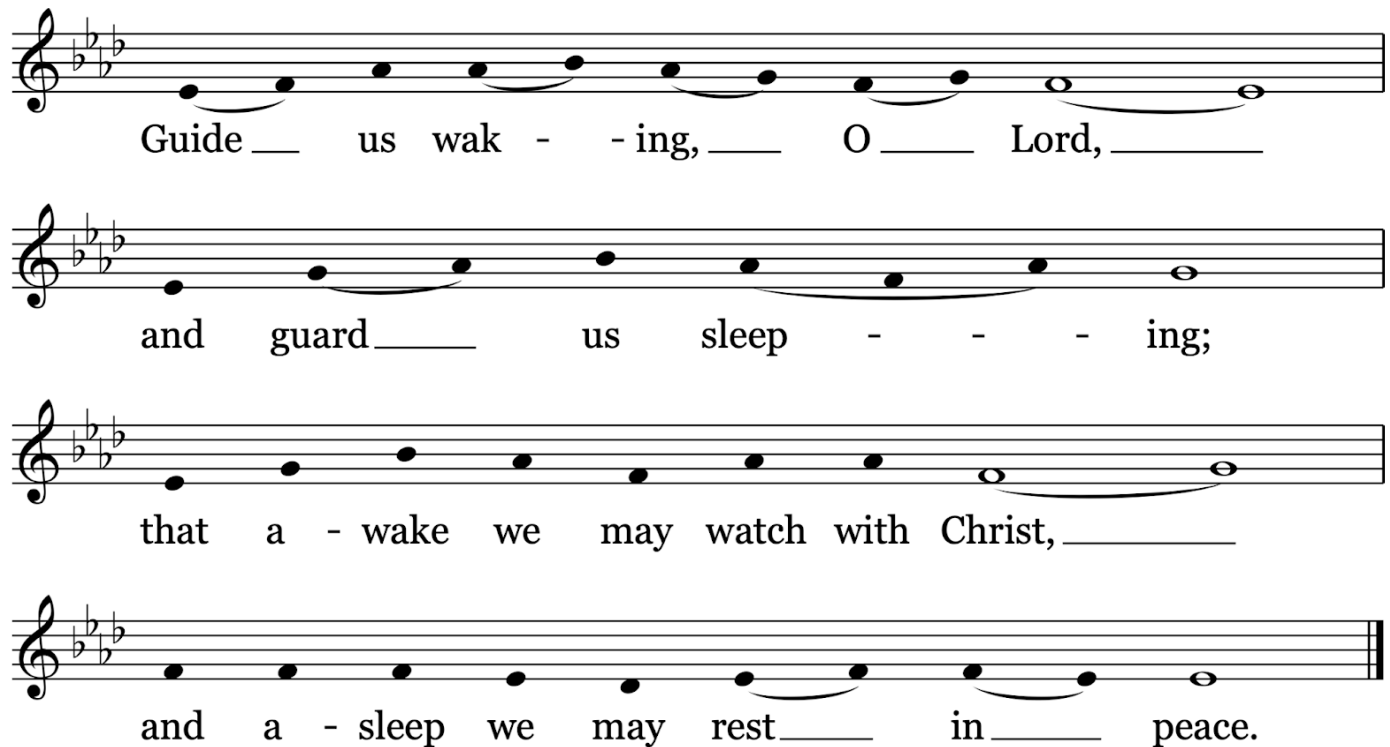


wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy ___ pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and ___ I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O ___ Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700, versified by Mary E. Byrne. Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody

(All) *Guide Us Waking*

Traditional Compline chant



Guide ___ us wak - - ing, ___ O ___ Lord, ___

and guard ___ us sleep - - - ing;

that a - wake we may watch with Christ, ___

and a - sleep we may rest ___ in ___ peace.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is a simple, flowing line with many ties, indicating a slow, meditative tempo. The lyrics are written below the notes, with underscores for the lyrics to align with the notes.

Bev: Now to him who is able to keep you from falling,
and to make you stand without blemish
in the presence of his glory with rejoicing,
to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, power, and authority,
before all time and now and for ever. **Amen.**

Jude 1:24-25

(All) Benediction

Canticle 16, Benedictus: Luke 1:78-79



- 9 In the tender compassion of our /God *
the dawn from on high shall break up/on us,
10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of /death,*
and to guide our feet into the way of /peace.

2nd half:

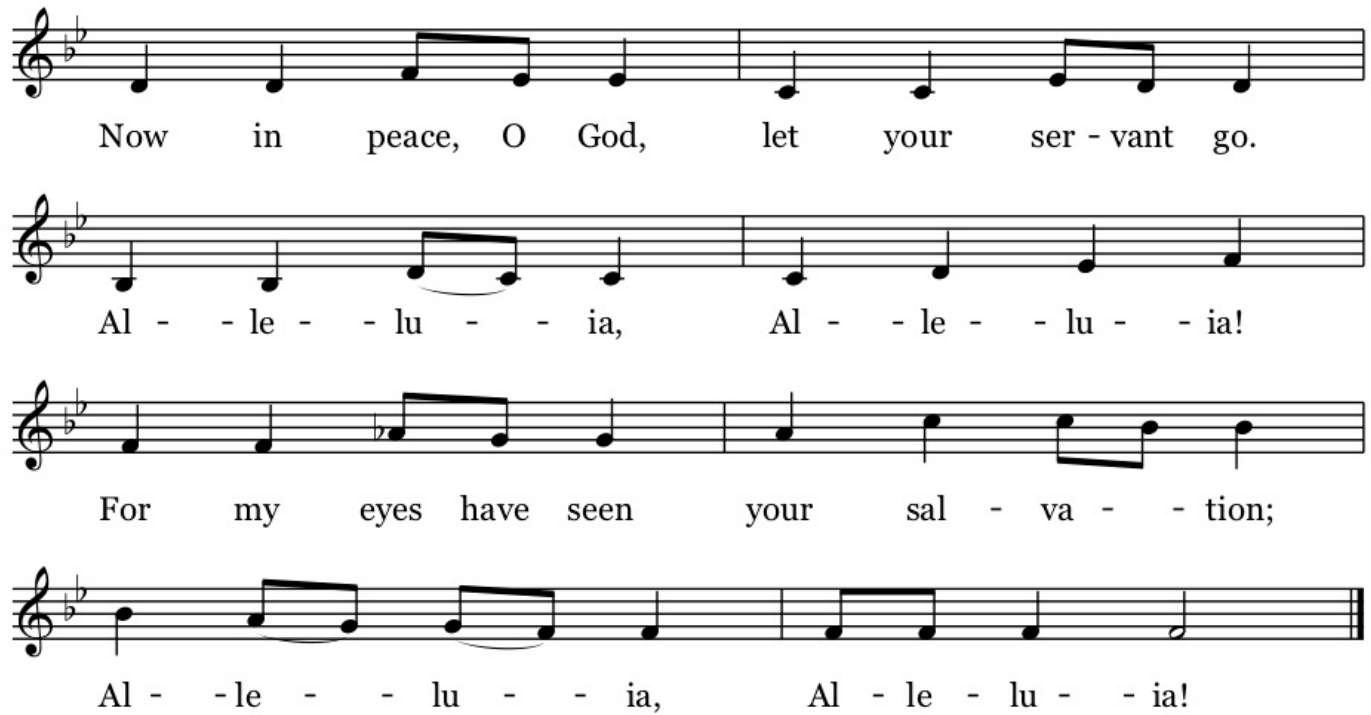
- 11 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy /Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A/men.

Chant tone: Robert Knox Kennedy

Katherine: 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, July 3.***



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