

**Compline – Saturday, April 25, 2020**

*Celtic Daily Prayer* – The Northumbria Community

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INVOCATION

The Sacred Three

to save

to shield

to surround

this hearth

this home

this night

every night.

O God of life, this night,  
close not Thy gladness to my sight.

Keep me and all who are dear to me  
In the arms of Your embrace.  
Shelter us under Your wings.

Be our hope in distress.  
Be our calm in anxiety.  
Be our strength in weakness.  
Be our comfort in pain.  
Be our song in the night.

SCRIPTURE

ROMANS 16:1-16

I have good things to say about Phoebe, who is a leader in the church at Cenchreae. Welcome her in a way that is proper for someone who has faith in the Lord and is one of God's own people. Help her in any way you can. After all, she has proved to be a respected leader for many others, including me.

Give my greetings to Priscilla and Aquila. They have not only served Christ Jesus together with me, but they have even risked their lives for me. I am grateful for them and so are all the Gentile churches. Greet the church that meets in their home.

Greet my dear friend Epaphroditus, who was the first person in Asia to have faith in Christ.

Greet Mary, who has worked so hard for you.

Greet my relatives Andronicus and Junias, who were in jail with me. They are highly respected by the apostles and were followers of Christ before I was.

Greet Ampliatus, my dear friend whose faith is in the Lord.

Greet Urbanus, who serves Christ along with us.

Greet my dear friend Stachys.

Greet Apelles, a faithful servant of Christ.

Greet Aristobulus and his family.

Greet Herodion, who is a relative of mine.

Greet Narcissus and the others in his family, who have faith in the Lord.

Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, who work hard for the Lord.

Greet my dear friend Persis. She also works hard for the Lord.

Greet Rufus, that special servant of the Lord, and greet his mother, who has been like a mother to me.

Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, and Hermas, as well as our friends who are with them.

Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all of God's people who are with them.

Be sure to give each other a warm greeting.

All of Christ's churches greet you.

POEM – "WHITE NIGHT" BY MARY OLIVER

All night  
I float  
in the shallow ponds  
while the moon wanders  
burning,  
bone white,  
among the milky stems.  
Once

I saw her hand reach  
to touch the muskrat's  
small sleek head  
and it was lovely, oh,  
I don't want to argue anymore  
about all the things  
I thought I could not  
live without! Soon  
the muskrat  
will glide with another  
into their castle  
of weeds, morning  
will rise from the east  
tangled and brazen,  
and before that  
difficult  
and beautiful  
hurricane of light  
I want to flow out  
across the mother  
of all waters,  
I want to lose myself  
on the black  
and silky currents,  
yawning,  
gathering  
the tall lilies  
of sleep.

#### 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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

O God, at this time, we lift up to you our concerns, hopes and thanksgivings for ourselves and others, naming them out loud or holding them in our hearts....

CLOSING PRAYERS

God, your unfailing love sustains the life of the world: watch over those who work and those who rest, those who sorrow and those who rejoice, those who long for your peace and those who long to be enlivened by your Spirit. Bless us this night and enfold us in your mystery that we might deepen our trust in your grace and peace. **Amen.**

Calm me, O Christ, as You stilled the storm.  
Still me O Christ, keep me from harm.  
Let all the tumult within me cease.  
Enfold me, Lord, in Your peace.  
O God, bless the work that is done,  
and the work that is to be.

O God, bless the servant that I am,  
and the servant that I will be.

Sleep, O sleep in the calm of all calm.  
Sleep, O sleep in the guidance of all guidance.  
Sleep O sleep in the love of all loves.  
Sleep, O beloved, in the God of life. Amen.

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