

Compline – Wednesday, August 19, 2020

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From: *Celtic Benediction: Morning and Night Prayer* by John Philip Newell

Opening

Yours is the day, yours also the night; you made the luminaries of the sky, the sun, moon and stars. (Psalm 74:16)

Be still and aware

Prayer

Glory be to you, O God of the night,
for the brightness of the moon
and the infinite stretches of dark space.
Let me be learning to love the night
As I know and love the day
Let me be learning to trust its darkness
and to seek its subtle blessings.
Let me be learning the night's way of seeing
that in all things I may trace the mystery
of your presence.

Scripture and Meditation

Lead me in your truth and teach me for you are the God of my salvation (Psalm 25:5)

Jesus said, 'You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.' (John 8:32)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

That you have placed a harmony of lights in the heavens
that night is followed by day
and the glowing of the moon by the glistening of the sun
thanks be to you, O God.

That you have placed a harmony of lights in my soul
that there is gentleness and firmness of strength
intuitive knowing and enlightened reasoning
thanks be to you.

Let me be sure of your law of harmony in all things
that I seek it in my own depths
and in knowing it in my inner life
yearn for it in the torn relationships of our world.

Recall the events of the day and pray for the life of the world

Poem – “Together” by Carrie Williams Clifford

O, come, Love, let us take a walk,
Down the Way-of-Life together;
Storms may come, but what care we,
If be fair or foul the weather.

When the sky overhead is blue,
Balmy, scented winds will after
Us, adown the valley blow
Haunting echoes of our laughter.

When Life’s storms upon us beat
Crushing us with fury, after
All is done, there’ll ringing come
Mocking echoes of our laughter.

So we’ll walk the Way-of-Life,
You and I, Love, both together,
Storm or sunshine, happy we
If be foul or fair the weather.

Closing Prayer

In the beginning, O God,
You placed seeds in the womb of the earth.
On the surface of the earth and in its seas and skies
you made all species.
And above the earth
you called the two great lights into relationship.
Renew me this night
in the fruitful intermingling that you have woven into creation
that I may wake to the morning
enlivened by love
that I may wake to the morning
enlivened by love.

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