

Morning Prayer – Monday, April 13, 2020

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From: *Celtic Treasure: Daily Scriptures and Prayer*, by John Philip Newell

Opening Words

(as candle is lit)

We light a candle
in the name of the God who creates life
in the name of the Saviour who loves life,
in the name of the Spirit who is the fire of life.

(Be still and aware of the presence of the Divine within and all around)

Psalm 65 – St. Helena Psalter

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.

Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.

Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there; *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.

You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.

You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

(a time for reflection on the reading)

Poem – “Spring Morning” by Marion Strobel

O day—if I could cup my hands and drink of you,
And make this shining wonder be
A part of me!
O day! O day!
You lift and sway your colors on the sky
Till I am crushed with beauty. Why is there
More of reeling sunlit air
Than I can breathe? Why is there sound
In silence? Why is a singing wound
About each hour?
And perfume when there is no flower?
O day! O Day! How may I press
Nearer to loveliness?

(a time for reflection on the reading)

Prayer

In the silence of our hearts or in spoken words
let us give thanks for the gift of this day
and pray for the life of the world . . .

(prayers are offered)

You have taught us, O Christ, to love the world.
You have shown us the light that is within us and
within all things.
May we learn to love you more

and in loving you more
learn to love the earth and all its people more,
for you are the light of all life.

Closing Words

(after which the candle is extinguished)

The blessings of heaven,
the blessings of earth,
the blessings of sea and sky.
On those we love this day
and on every human family
the gifts of heaven
the gifts of earth,
the gifts of sea and sky.

Psalms for Listening

Celtic Psalms by Kiran Young Wimberly Psalm 104

(click on symbol below to hear the psalm)



Spiritual Exercises for today:

- 1) Look outside and notice where new life is unfolding. In photos or drawings or words chronicle something of what you see.
- 2) Reflect on times God has blessed you with new life.

Sources:

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