

Compline – Friday, December 4, 2020

Celtic Daily Prayer – The Northumbria Community

**modifications made for inclusive language*

St. George's Anglican Church, Cadboro Bay / www.stgeorgecadborobay.ca

Opening

O God, in you may my soul find rest,
for You are the giver of hope.
I will lie down and sleep,
for under the shadow of Your wings
You sustain me.
In daylight you bid me follow You,
in shadow and darkness Your song is with me.

May your songs of love
be in my heart and
direct the words of my mouth and the work of my hands
when I wake in the light of morning.

Be still and aware of God's presence within and all around

Scripture – Psalm 56 (St. Helena)

Have mercy on me, O God,
for my enemies are hounding me; *
all day long they assault and oppress me.
They hound me all the day long; *
truly there are many who fight against me, O Most High.

Whenever I am afraid, *
I will put my trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise,
in God I trust and will not be afraid, *
for what can flesh do to me?

All day long they damage my cause; *
their only thought is to do me evil.

They band together; they lie in wait; *
they spy upon my footsteps,
because they seek my life.

Shall they escape despite their wickedness? *
O God, in your anger, cast down the peoples.

You have noted my lamentation;
put my tears into your bottle; *
are they not recorded in your book?

Whenever I call upon you, my enemies will be put to flight; *
this I know, for God is on my side.

In God, whose word I praise,
in God I trust and will not be afraid, *
for what can mortals do to me?

I am bound by the vow I made to you, O God; *
I will present to you thank-offerings;

For you have rescued my soul from death and my feet from stumbling, *
that I may walk before you in the light of the living.

Poems

“The Old Pond” by Matsuo Bashō

An old silent pond
A frog jumps into the pond—
Splash! Silence again.

“Lighting One Candle” by Yosa Buson

The light of a candle
Is transferred to another candle—
Spring twilight

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

I am placing my soul and my body
in thy safekeeping this night, O God,
in thy safekeeping, O Jesus Christ,

in thy safekeeping, O Spirit of perfect truth.
Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings.
May I awaken in the morning
to the wonders of Your love.

Sources:

Prayers are from: Celtic Daily Prayer: Book Two, Farther Up and Farther In Northumbria
Community, London: William Collins Books, 2015.

Poems: public domain.