

Compline – Thursday, December 10, 2020

Celtic Daily Prayer – The Northumbria Community

**modifications made for inclusive language*

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Opening

I make the cross of Christ upon my breast
over the centre of my heart.

And, I beseech the Living God of the universe –

May the Light of Lights come

May the Peace of Peace come

May the great Love of Your heart come

and breathe new life and love into my heart this night.

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

Scripture – Isaiah 58:6-9 (CEV)

I'll tell you

what it really means

to worship the LORD.

Remove the chains of prisoners

who are chained unjustly.

Free those who are abused!

Share your food with everyone

who is hungry;

share your home

with the poor and homeless.

Give clothes to those in need;

don't turn away your relatives.

Then your light will shine

like the dawning sun,

and you

will quickly be healed.

Your honesty will protect you

as you advance,

and the glory of the LORD

will defend you from behind.

When you beg the LORD for help,

he will answer, "Here I am!"

Poem – "The Dream of a Laquer Box" by Kimiko Hahn

I wish I knew the contents and I wish the contents

Japanese —

like hairpins made of tortoiseshell or bone
though my braid was lopped off long ago,

like an overpowering pine incense
or a talisman from a Kyoto shrine,

like a Hello Kitty diary-lock-and-key,
Hello Kitty stickers or candies,

a netsuke in the shape of an octopus,
ticket stubs from the Bunraku —

or am I wishing for Mother? searching for Sister?
just hoping to give something Japanese to my daughters?

then again, people can read anything into dreams

and I do as well. I wish I possessed
my mother's black lacquer box

though in my dream it was red,
though I wish my heart were content.

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:

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