



Celtic Morning Prayer

During the Season of Creation

You may like to light a candle, to set apart this time of prayer.

In the name of the Creator, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this is what I seek:
**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to seek the Lord in the Lord's temple.**

Who is it that you seek?

We seek the Lord our God.

Do you seek God with all your heart?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek God with all your soul?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek God with all your mind?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek God with all your strength?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

DECLARATION OF FAITH

To whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life,

and we have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God. Praise to

You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Book of Alternative Services Daily Lectionary may be found at: <https://lectionary.anglican.ca>.

REFLECTION

What word or phrase stood out for you in the passage? What spoke to you in the passage?

What meaning had you not perceived before? What is the Gospel asking you to do today?

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

In the strong name of Jesus, we bless all that is living,
and recognise in all that lives the reflection of the Word who said,
'Let there be life',
and it lives.

Teach us to care for all that is entrusted to us,
and nurture every sign of Your presence.

Circle our dear ones in Your love and blessing;
and protect us all from evil and from danger.

Give us open eyes to see beyond what others say is possible;
give us the insight to recognise and name deceit.

May the blessing of our love, and our strong joy in blessing,
call out new growth in everyone we know and meet.

Give us a generosity that pushes back the boundaries,
for even death by You has been defeated.

Specific prayers may be offered as desired.

With all our powers,
we find power in You.

The light shines on,
and life is lived in You.

CANTICLE

Christ, as a light illumine and guide me.

Christ, as a shield overshadow me.

Christ under me; Christ over me; Christ beside me on my left and on my right. This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

Be in the heart of each to whom I speak; in the mouth of each who speaks to me. This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

Christ as a light; Christ as a shield; Christ beside me on my left and on my right.

BLESSING

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with us, wherever He may send us. May He guide us through the wilderness, protect us through the storm. May He bring us home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown us.

May He bring us home rejoicing once again into our doors.

In the name of the Creator, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

If a candle was lit, it is extinguished now.