**Daily Prayer, Thursday, September 9, 2021**

We remember the Lekwungen speaking people who have lived on this land for countless generations and pray for their well-being, healing and flourishing.

*Opening Prayer:*

Holy One

We watch this day for the light that the darkness has not overcome. We watch for the fire that was in the beginning and that burns still in the brilliance of our son. We watch for the glow of life that gleams in the growing earth and glistens in sea and sky. We watch for your light oh God in the eyes of every living creature and in the ever living flame of our own souls. If the grace of seeing were ours this day we would glimpse you in all that lives.

Grant us the grace of seeing this day, grant us the grace of seeing.

(J Philip Newell, Celtic benediction)

### *Psalm 50*

**1**The Mighty One, God, the Lord,
    speaks and summons the earth
    from the rising of the sun to where it sets.
**2**From Zion, perfect in beauty,
    God shines forth.
**3**Our God comes
    and will not be silent;
a fire devours before him,
    and around him a tempest rages.
**4**He summons the heavens above,
    and the earth, that he may judge his people:
**5**“Gather to me this consecrated people,
    who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”
**6**And the heavens proclaim his righteousness,
    for he is a God of justice.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+50&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14675a)][[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+50&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14675b)]

**7**“Listen, my people, and I will speak;
    I will testify against you, Israel:
    I am God, your God.
**8**I bring no charges against you concerning your sacrifices
    or concerning your burnt offerings, which are ever before me.
**9**I have no need of a bull from your stall
    or of goats from your pens,
**10**for every animal of the forest is mine,
    and the cattle on a thousand hills.
**11**I know every bird in the mountains,
    and the insects in the fields are mine.
**12**If I were hungry I would not tell you,
    for the world is mine, and all that is in it.
**13**Do I eat the flesh of bulls
    or drink the blood of goats?

**14**“Sacrifice thank offerings to God,
    fulfill your vows to the Most High,
**15**and call on me in the day of trouble;
    I will deliver you, and you will honor me.”

# *Luke 6:27-38*

**27**“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, **28**bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. **29**If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. **30**Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. **31**Do to others as you would have them do to you.

**32**“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. **33**And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. **34**And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. **35**But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. **36**Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

**37**“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. **38**Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

*Prayers of Petition and Thanksgiving*

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

*For Courage*

When the light around lessens

and your thoughts darken

until your body feels fear

turned cold as a stone inside

When you find yourself bereft of any belief in yourself

and all you unknowingly leaned on has fallen

When one voice commands your whole heart

and it is Raven dark

Steady yourself and see

that it is your own thinking that darkens your world

Search and you will find a diamond thought of light

Know that you are not alone

and that this darkness has purpose

Gradually it will school your eyes

to find the one gift your life requires

hidden within this night corner

Invoke the learning of every suffering you have suffered

Close your eyes,

gather all the kindling about your heart

to create one spark

that is all you need to nourish the flame

that will cleanse the dark of its weight of festered fear

A new confidence will come alive

to urge you towards higher ground

where your imagination will learn to engage difficulty

as its most rewarding threshold.

 *John O'Donoghue*

*Celtic 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 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 unto 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 my right.

*Closing prayer:*

May the light of God illumine the heart of our souls. May the flame of Christ kindle us to love. May the fire of the spirit free us to live this day and forever. Amen