



Celtic Worship

Our God is the God of all,
the God of heaven and earth,
of the sea and the rivers,
the God of the sun
and of the moon
and of all the stars;
the God of lofty mountains
and of the lowly valleys
God's dwelling is around
heaven and earth, and sea
and all that in them is.

St. Patrick

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The early Celtic Traditions arose from people who had at the center of their life's simplicity, authenticity, and holiness. In the midst of their simple lives, they took Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount at face value and dared to live it. The faith and practice of the Celtic Churches began in the first thousand years of the history of the church.

Service of the Word

Gathering for worship is a joy and privilege. Worship is the work of the people, gathered to praise God, to pray for ourselves and our neighbors, to nourish our hearts, souls and minds by dwelling in God's word receiving and renewing us through Christ's deep abiding peace.

Lectio Divina

As part of our practice of dwelling in God's word we will be practicing the Lectio Divina tradition [which is praying the scriptures] for our time of meditation. The great thing about this kind of meditation is that we don't have to be clever. The less clever we are the better. God will do the work. Our contribution is to learn to be present and listen. There is far too much in this Scripture to deal with at one time. You don't have to finish the passage in one sitting. It could last you weeks. Take your time. It's your time, time that God is giving to you.

The six (6) Rs of Lectio Divina are:

- Relax
- Read (in worship listen and/or read as you desire)
- Ruminate
- Relish
- Respond
- Review

Our practice in worship today will be listening, learning to lean into the silences, the "in-between."

From listening we move to speaking in our minds and hearts softly, thoughtfully –
perhaps in anguish, confession or sorrow;
perhaps in joy, praise, thanksgiving or adoration;
perhaps in anger, confusion or hurt;
perhaps in quiet confidence, trust or surrender.

Finally, after pouring out our heart to God, we come to rest simply and deeply in that wonderful, loving presence of God.

Reading Reflecting Responding Resting

This is the basic rhythm of our time together.

There is more silence in this service than we normally experience in worship.

The Leader's read the portion in light text.

All congregation responses in bold are spoken silently in our hearts and minds.

The songs and hymns should only be sung by a soloist or done instrumentally or pre-recorded music. Please remember that it is important that we stay social distant to help protect one another's health. Remind people that worshippers should remain at least 6 feet apart. Those speaking should be at least 10 feet and those singing or playing a wind instrument at least 20 feet. The breath with which we project our voices is powerful and may carry tiny particles, along with our lovely melodies a great distance.

Welcome

Confession

We think about our own sinful actions and attitudes

We continue in silence for personal confession.

Have mercy on us, O God the Almighty

Jesus Christ son of the living God

O God come to our aid

O Lord make haste to help each of us,

For you are our hope and salvation.

forgive us

guide us

sustain us

empower us

move us, Lord.

Make us reflections of your love and peace.

We conclude our confession silently to ourselves as the leader says:

Glory be to the Father, and to the **†** Son: and to the Holy Spirit.

as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

ELW 814

Commented [TTA1]: Either instrumental or sung by someone not the congregation. Please extend the safe distance as singing pushes our breath further than speaking.

Invocation

This morning we begin in the threefold name of God

God the Father,

God the **†** Son,

and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

This morning we shield ourselves with the loving power of the Trinity

God to enfold us,

God to surround us,

God to redeem us.

God in our thinking,

God in our speaking,

God in our silences.

God in our praying,

God in our praising,

God in our hoping.

God in our watching,

God in our sleeping,

God in our waking.

This day we acknowledge the power of Christ's presence in our lives.

Commented [TTA2]: Slow down and pause between sections

The congregation responds reading silently to themselves.

This morning I believe in the Threeness,
I profess the Oneness,
This morning I acknowledge the power
of Christ's presence in my life. Amen

Meditation

Lectio Divina

This morning we will be praying the scriptures for meditation on the word of God three times.

Don't be so sure, Jesus said.

This very night, before the rooster

crowes up the dawn,

you will deny me"

Matthew 26:34

Homily

(if you want to do a homily or sermon)

A time of silence is observed for contemplation.

Healer of Our Every Ill

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The Bidding Prayer

We, with expectant faith we pray to God, confident in God's love and infinite wisdom.

We pray to be filled with Christ's Spirit, that we may overflow with streams of living water as we care for a world thirsty for God.

We pray for the elderly, the sick, the needy, those displaced by tragedy and injustice, and the lonely among us; that they may receive comfort, companionship and care from those around them.

We pray that those who have been persecuted or seriously wronged by others, so that they may experience warmth and love with Christ and be able to forgive those who have hurt them.

We pray for ourselves, that when we are discouraged, we may know the fullness of the Spirit and find strength in God who created and sustains us.

We pray for the trust and openness to give our hearts and lives to God as Jesus did.

A time of silence is kept for personal prayer.

Commented [TTA3]: These are ideas of what you might do. This scripture is an example. Please pick scriptures that from the lectionary or as fit your context. Have someone prepared to read the scripture 3 times or three different people. Make sure to put enough space or silence between the readings. Choose short passages! Especially if you are inserting a sermon. You may want to alter it so that you only read the passage twice and then preach. But be sure to allow some silence for thought or read it once/silence – preach – read it again/silence. Or just a sermon. Part of the beauty of this type of worship is silence. Have fun making it fit your context.

Commented [TTA4]: Again, rather than corporate singing have a soloist or small family group singing (only those who have been together.)

Commented [TTA5]: Of course, you can put in the prayers of God's people.

The Peace

Lord, peace you commanded,
peace you gave us,
peace you have left us.
Grant us your peace from heaven
and order this morning
and all the days of our life in your peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

We pray together in the silence of our hearts
The congregation responds reading silently to themselves.
**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, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

Shepherd Me, O God
ELW 780 refrain

Commented [TTA6]: A soloist or choir or instrumental. Again, stay mindful of the distance between people.

Prayer Candles

You may light a candle to symbolize your prayers rising before God.
Please be mindful of social distancing.

Children please ask an adult for help lighting a candle.

Christ, Be Our Light
ELW 715 refrain

Commented [TTA7]: Only if you can do this safely / different stations around your worship space with candles to light and long matches to use once so no one picks up the same match or slim candle to light with.

Commented [TTA8]: Again, a soloist or instrumental

The Blessing

May the strength of God guide you.
may the power of God preserve you.
may the wisdom of God instruct you.
may the hand of God protect you.
may the way of God direct you.
may the shield of God defend you.
may y the angels of God guard you.
- against the snares of the evil one.

The congregation responds reading silently to themselves.

Christ be with me!
Christ be before me!
Christ be in me,
Christ be over all!

May thy grace, O Lord,
always be ours,
this day and forevermore. Amen.

I bless you in the name of the Father,
and of the **I** Son,
and of the Holy Spirit,
the One and Three.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace.
(silently to yourself) **I** go in peace to serve the Lord.

**Explanation of how to exit with social distancing
music**

The Prayer of Saint Patrick

I arise today

Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through a belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
Of the Creator of creation.

I arise today

Through the strength of Christ's birth and His baptism,
Through the strength of His crucifixion and His burial,
Through the strength of His resurrection and His ascension,
Through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.

I arise today

Through the strength of the love of cherubim,
In obedience of angels,
In service of archangels,
In the hope of resurrection to meet with reward,
In the prayers of patriarchs,
In preachings of the apostles,
In faiths of confessors,
In innocence of virgins,
In deeds of righteous men.

I arise today

Through the strength of heaven;
Light of the sun,
Splendor of fire,
Speed of lightning,
Swiftness of the wind,
Depth of the sea,
Stability of the earth,
Firmness of the rock.

I arise today

Through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me

Commented [TTA9]: This is a prayer to take home with them.

From snares of the devil,
From temptations of vices,
From every one who desires me ill,
Afar and anear,
Alone or in a multitude.

I summon today all these powers between me and evil,
Against every cruel merciless power that opposes my body and soul,
Against incantations of false prophets,
Against black laws of pagandom,
Against false laws of heretics,
Against craft of idolatry,
Against spells of women and smiths and wizards,
Against every knowledge that corrupts man's body and soul.

Christ shield me today

Against poison, against burning,
Against drowning, against wounding,
So that reward may come to me in abundance.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.

I arise today

Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through a belief in the Threeness,
Through a confession of the Oneness
Of the Creator of creation.

Recovering reliable historical information about many of the saints is difficult if not impossible, and Saint Patrick (c. 390–461) is no exception. Born in Scotland, Patrick was imprisoned and taken to Ireland when he was about sixteen years old. He returned to Scotland, only to have a dream in which the people of Ireland called out to him, "we beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once again." He did return, and although the details are obscure and the legends are large, he wandered and ministered in Ireland for over thirty years, converting the nation.