



Diocese of Ely
THREE RIVERS GROUP
Chippenham, Fordham, Isleham, Kennett, Snailwell

Celtic Evening Liturgy – Sunday 11th April Easter 2

Gathering Music

Jesus calls us. *Matt Beckingham. Words. The Iona Community*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wvBGtFPd6TQ>

Opening responses

Leader: Peace on each one who comes in need,
ALL: PEACE ON EACH ONE WHO COMES IN JOY.

Leader: Peace on each one who offers prayers,
ALL: PEACE ON EACH ONE WHO OFFERS SONG.

Leader: Peace of the Maker, Peace of the Son,
ALL: PEACE OF THE SPIRIT, THE TRIUNE ONE.

Leader: O God, for your love for us, warm and brooding, which has brought us to birth and opened our eyes to the wonder and beauty of creation,
ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

Leader: For your love for us, wild and freeing, which has awakened us to the energy of creation: to the sap that flows, the blood that pulses, the heart that sings.
ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

Leader: For your love for us, compassionate and patient, which has carried us through our pain, wept beside us in our sin, and waited with us in our confusion.
ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

Leader: For your love for us, strong and challenging, which has called us to risk for you, asked for the best in us, and shown us how to serve.

ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

Leader: O God we come to celebrate that your Holy Spirit is present deep within us, and at the heart of all life.

Forgive us when we forget your gift of love made known to us in Jesus, and draw us into your presence.

Psalm 118

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord

through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

²² The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

²³ the Lord has done this,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

²⁵ Lord, save us!
Lord, grant us success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.^[b]

²⁷ The Lord is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

The Word of God

John 20: 19-23

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Reflection of the day

Music for reflection

We will meet. *Text by Hans-Olav Moerk and John L. Bell, Music. John L. Bell*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-y4DpYuncrg>

Prayer

We hold in the light of the risen Christ and remember with gratitude all those in our lives who have cared for and nurtured us, and those who still care for and nurture us as we journey forward together

We hold in the light of the risen Christ all those who have been abused by those who should have shown care, that they may find healing, wholeness and inner peace

We hold in the light of the risen Christ all those who, in these difficult times, feel lonely and isolated. For those who long for kith and kin. To be part of a family, or to be reunited with family. May we, as God's family, seek out and welcome those who look for companionship and a sense of belonging.

We hold in the light of the risen Christ all those in our lives we are called to care for, to love, to nurture. That each day we be given the grace to reflect God's compassion and unconditional love.

And, as always, we pray that Jesus, light of the world, may remind us and remind us and remind us that our task is to be His hands and hearts on this earth. Amen

Closing responses

Leader: O Trinity of Love, you have been with us at the world's beginning,

ALL: BE WITH US TILL THE WORLD'S END.

Leader: You have been with us at our life's shaping,

ALL: BE WITH US AT OUR LIFE'S END.

Leader: You have been with us at the sun's rising,

ALL: BE WITH US TILL THE DAY'S END. Amen

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. **Amen**

Music for Sending

Celtic Blessing. *Celtic Worship & Friends* (sung in English and Scottish Gaelic).

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