



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

Celtic Evening Liturgy – Sunday 10th January

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.

Opening Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4h29orJsfw>

(Lyrics: Dudley-Smith Melody: Londonderry Air)

O Christ the same through all our story's pages,
Our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
Eternal Lord, the King of all the ages,
Unchanging still, amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation,
Who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,
O Christ the same, who wrought man's whole salvation,
We bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
Our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide,
Still as of old upon your body bearing
The marks of love, in triumph glorified:
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven,
O Prince of life, in all your saving power,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,
We bring our thanks for this the present hour.

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.

The Word of God Isaiah 42: 1-4

The Servant, a Light to the Nations

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Reflection of the day

Prayer

We hold in God's light all across the continent of Europe who yearn for deep peace and unity.

[include prayers requested for unity in Europe]

We hold in God's light all who live with anxiety, fear, dread or despair across our globe.

[include prayers requested for those struggling with Covid, or in the caring professions]

We hold in God's light this one fragile planet which we inhabit.

[include prayer for all who work for creation justice]

We pray for justice for the poor and the persecuted.

[include prayers for those suffering persecution or from poverty across the globe]

And we pray that the Prince of Peace 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

Now go in peace;

may this day, this year unfold as it should; may you find solace in scripture and spirit; and may your journey into this new year be filled with the hope and promise of God for the sake and the peace of the world. **Amen**

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