

Night prayer Celtic



Gathering

Officiant Come to us this night, O God,
All **come to us with light.**

Officiant Speak to us this night, O God,
All **speak to us in truth.**

Officiant Dwell with us this night, O God,
All **dwell with us in love.**

Opening Prayer

Officiant Almighty God,
who filled the heart of Columba
with the joy of the Holy Spirit
and with deep love for those in his care:
may your pilgrim people follow him,
strong in faith, sustained by hope,
and one in the love that binds us to you.
All **Amen.**

Song

**Spirit of God, come dwell within me.
Open my heart, O come set me free.
Fill me with love for Jesus, my Lord.
O fill me with living water.**

*Jesus is living, Jesus is here.
Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me.
Jesus, our Saviour, dying for me,
and rising to save his people*

**Lord, how I thirst, O Lord, I am weak.
Lord, come to me, you alone do I seek.
Lord, you are life, and love and hope,
O fill me with living water.**

Jesus is living ...

Lord, I am blind. O Lord, I can't see!
Stretch out your hand, O Lord, comfort me.
Lead me your way in truth and in light,
O fill me with living water.

Jesus is living ...

Words: Helen Kennedy

Music: Leaving Lismore, arr. Keith Duke

Penitence

Officiant Holy God, Maker of all,
All **have mercy on us.**

Officiant Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor,
All **have mercy on us.**

Officiant Holy Spirit, Breath of life,
All **have mercy on us.**

Song

**Lord of life, we come to you.
Lord of all, our Saviour be,
come to bless and to heal
with the light of your love.**

**Through the days of doubt and toil,
in our joy and in our pain,
guide our steps in your way,
make us one in your love.**

Words: Catherine Walker (b 1958)

Music: Eriskay Love Lilt, arr. Keith Duke

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Refrain: **You are my refuge, O Lord.**

1 In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

Refrain: **You are my refuge, O Lord.**

2 Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

Refrain: **You are my refuge, O Lord.**

3 You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
4 take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.

Refrain: **You are my refuge, O Lord.**

5 Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Reading

Luke 8: 22–25

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

All **Encircle me, Lord,
Keep fear without, keep joy within,
Keep despair without, keep hope within.
Keep malice without, keep peace within.**

Leader Columba's voice echoed across the Isles:
All **Lord, may the voice of your servants sound
strong and clear above the clamour of our times.**

Leader Columba established many Christian communities
and places of learning:
All **May truth and love flourish in such places today.**

Leader Columba was a strong leader,
committed to spreading the word of God:
All **May we be fearless in our task of spreading the gospel.**

Leader Columba celebrated creation:
All **Help us to appreciate and care for the world around us.**

Leader Columba condemned injustice:
All **May we stand for honesty, integrity and peace.**

Leader Prophecy, purity and poetry flourished in Columba's life:
All **May these virtues and gifts flourish in our Church today.**

Leader Columba's departing was glorious and peaceful:
All **Grant us, too, a quiet and glorious end.**

Song

**Calm me Lord, as You calmed the storm
Still me Lord, keep me from harm
Let all the tumult within me cease
Enfold me, Lord in Your peace.**

Words: David Adam (1936–2020)

Music: Margaret Rizza (b. 1929)

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The Conclusion

Leader Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

All **Amen.**

Leader Night has fallen.
All **Gracious Spirit, guard us sleeping.**

Leader Darkness has come.
All **Gracious Spirit, guard us sleeping.**

Leader You are with us, Lord.
All **Gracious Spirit, guard us sleeping.**

Leader Be a bright flame before me, O God,
and a guiding star above me.
Be a smooth path below me, a kindly shepherd behind me;
today, tonight, and for ever.
Alone with none but you, my God, I journey on my way;
What need I fear when you are near, O Lord of night and day?
More secure am I within your hand
than if a multitude did around me stand.

Prayer of St. Columba

All **Amen.**

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