

A Celtic Evening Liturgy from the
Iona Community for St.
Columba's Day.

8 June, 2021.

Opening response

Come to us this night, O God
Come to us with light.

A candle is lit

Speak to us this night, O God
Speak to us your truth.

A Bible is placed centrally

Dwell with us this night, O God
Dwell with us in love.

A cross is placed centrally

Prayer of thanksgiving

Thanks be to you O Christ
**For the many gifts you have bestowed
on us, each day and night, each sea
and land, each weather fair, each
calm, each wild.**

Each night may we remember your mercy
given so gently and generously
**Each thing we have received, from you
it came; each thing for which we hope,
from your love it will come; each thing
we enjoy, it is of your bounty; each
thing we ask, comes of your disposing.**

The word of God

O God, as these words are read
**in our hearts may we feel your
presence.**

St. John 12:20-26

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.'

Address

Anthem: O Jesus every moment

O Jesus, every moment be in my heart
and mind;

O Jesus, stir my heart with sorrow for
my sins;

O Jesus, fill me heart with never failing
love;

O Jesus, sweet master, never part from
me.

O Jesus is my king, my friend and my
love;

O Jesus is my shelter from sinning and
from death;

O Jesus, my gladness, my mirror all
my days;

O Jesus, my dearest Lord, never part
from me.

O Jesus, be for ever in my heart and my mouth;
O Jesus, be for ever in my thought and my prayer;
O Jesus, be for ever in my quiet mind;
O Jesus, my sweet Lord, do not leave me alone.

Affirmation of faith

We believe, O God, that you are the eternal God of life,

We believe, O God, that you are the eternal God of love.

We believe, O God and maker of all creation, that you are the creator of the high heavens, that you are the creator of the deep seas, that you are the creator of the stable earth.

We believe, O God of all the peoples, that you created our souls and set their warp, that you created our bodies and gave them breath, that you made us in your own image.

We give you our worship with our whole lives, we give you our assent with our whole power, we give you our existence with our whole mind, we give you our kneeling with our whole desire.

Prayers of concern

O Christ, kindle in our hearts within a flame of love to our neighbour, to our foes, to our friends, to our kindred all.

O Christ of the poor and the yearning, from the humblest thing that lives to the name that is highest of all, kindle in our hearts within a flame of love.

Prayers may be offered:

for peace

for individuals & their needs

for the social services

for all who work in the criminal justice system

for victims and perpetrators of crime

for the work of aid agencies throughout the world

for those living in poverty or under oppression

We are placing our souls and our bodies under your guarding this night, O Christ.

O Son of the tears, of the wounds, of the piercings, may your cross this night be shielding all. Amen.

Blessing

Be the great God between your shoulders to protect you in your going and your coming; be the Son of Mary near your heart; and be the perfect Spirit upon you pouring. **Amen.**

Sending out

As the night watch looks for the morning

so do we look for you, O Christ. Amen.