Morning Prayer from Celtic Daily Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Opening sentences

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to behold the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.

> Call: Who is it that you seek? Response: We seek the Lord our God. Call: Do you seek Him with all your heart? Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy. Call: Do you seek Him with all your soul? Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy. Call: Do you seek Him with all your mind? Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy. Call: Do you seek Him with all your strength? Response: Amen. Christ, have mercy.

Declaration of faith

To whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Today's Scripture Reading: Matthew 19:16-30

Today's Meditation

Be open to the night... Pray with open hand, not with clenched fist... Shapes loom out of the darkness, uncertain and unclear: but the hooded stranger on horseback emerging from the mist need not be assumed to be the bearer of ill... The night is large and full of wonders...

Lord Dunsany

Prayers for others: pray for our church, our community, our world

Canticle

Christ, as a light illumine and guide me. Christ, as a shield

> overshadow me. Christ under me;

Christ over me; Christ beside me on my left and my right. This day be within and without me,

lowly and meek, yet all-powerful. Be in the heart of each to whom I speak; in the mouth of each who speaks unto me. This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful. Christ as a light; Christ as a shield; Christ beside me on my left and my right.

Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you. May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm. May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you. May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

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