

St.Mary's Church, Eastham



Celtic Morning Prayer

Wednesday 13th May 2020

May our purpose be strong:
To strive for what is fittest.
Let us all love Jesus,
For this is the highest thing.

**Have mercy on us O God, Father almighty;
immeasurable God.
patient God.
incorruptible God.
immortal God
eternal God.
perfect God.
merciful God.
wonderful God.
heavenly Father, who abides in heaven,
Have mercy on us.**

Invocation:

**Lord, be with us this day,
Within us to purify us;
Above us to draw us up;
Beneath us to sustain us;
Before us to restrain us;
Around us to protect us.**

From Feilire Oengusso

Celtic Monk

St. Patrick

O Lord, open our lips:
And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.
Glory to the Father and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit;
**As it was in the beginning, is now,
And ever shall be. Amen.**

A Psalm: Psalm 100 (NRSV)

- ¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
- ² Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
- ³ Know that the LORD is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;^[a]
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
- ⁵ For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit,
**As it was in the beginning, is now
And ever shall be. Amen.**

(A short silence)

A Bible reading: Matthew 6:25-34 (NRSV)

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon

in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today".

A SHORT REFLECTION

A Time of Prayer

Short intercessory prayer followed by a time of silence during which we lift to God our own prayers.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Collect:

Lord our God,
you have created us in your own image,
to find freedom in a love that knows no bounds.
Lead us further today along this path of freedom
to which you call us,
through Jesus, your beloved Son, our Lord.
Amen

Conclusion:

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of
God, rest in peace,
And rise in glory.
May the Divine assistance remain with us always,
And with our absent brothers and sisters.
Amen.