

St.Mary's Church, Eastham



Celtic Morning Prayer from the Northumbria Community

Wednesday 27th May 2020

Said or sung all together except for the sentences marked 'Call' which are for the Leader only.

+ indicates that you may make the sign of the cross.

+ 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.**

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 131 Song of Quiet Trust

O LORD, my heart is not lifted up,
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvellous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.
O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time on and forevermore.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 16:7

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

New Testament Reading: Matthew 23:26-28

You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup so that the outside also may become clean. "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful, but inside they are full of the bones of the dead and of all kinds of filth. So you also on the outside look righteous to others, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Meditation

PRAYER OF ABANDONMENT TO GOD

Father, I abandon myself
into Your hands
Do with me what You will,
whatever You do, I will thank You,
I am ready for all, I accept all.
Let only your will be done in me,
as in all Your creatures,
and I'll ask nothing else my Lord.

Into Your hands I commend my spirit;
I give it to You
with all the love of my heart,
for I love you, Lord,
and so need to give myself,
to surrender myself into Your hands
with a trust beyond all measure,
because you are my Father.

Charles de Foucauld

Short time of silence for personal reflection

Prayers for others

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.**

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

