

St. Mary's Church, Eastham



## Celtic Morning Prayer

With the Community of Aidan and Hilda  
Wednesday 25th November 2020

### *Introduction*

**Shine on us, Lord, like the sun that lights up day.  
Chase away the dark and all shadow of sin.  
May we wake eager to hear your Word;  
As day follows night may we be bathed in your glory.**

### A Psalm: *Psalms 63:1-5 (GNB)*

O God, you are my God,  
and I long for you.  
My whole being desires you;  
like a dry, worn-out, and waterless land,  
my soul is thirsty for you.  
<sup>2</sup> Let me see you in the sanctuary;  
let me see how mighty and glorious you are.  
<sup>3</sup> Your constant love is better than life itself,  
and so I will praise you.  
<sup>4</sup> I will give you thanks as long as I live;  
I will raise my hands to you in prayer.  
<sup>5</sup> My soul will feast and be satisfied,  
and I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

**Illumine our hearts, O Lord; implant in us a desire for your truth.  
May all that is false within us flee.**

*(A short time of silence for personal reflection)*

### A Bible reading: *Philippians 4:4-9 (NLT)*

<sup>4</sup> Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

<sup>6</sup> Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. <sup>7</sup> Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. <sup>9</sup> Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

*(A short time of silence for personal reflection)*

### A Gospel reading: *Luke 17:11-19 (NLT)*

<sup>11</sup> As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, <sup>13</sup> crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

<sup>14</sup> He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. <sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" <sup>16</sup> He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan.

<sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine?" <sup>18</sup> Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you."

## A SHORT REFLECTION

### *A Time of Prayer*

Gracious and generous God we give you thanks,  
For the gift of life for we are made in your image,  
We think of all those in whom your divine image is still distorted.

***We pray for your mercy and love to rest upon them.  
God in your mercy be with them.***

Caring and providing God we give you thanks,  
For our homes that shelter and protect us,  
We think of those without shelter and water and protection today.

***We pray for your generous provision to be poured out upon them.  
God in your mercy be with them.***

Abundant and giving God we give you thanks,  
For our food that nourishes and strengthens us,  
We think of those without adequate food and nourishment today.

***We pray that you will feed them with the bread of life.  
God in your mercy be with them.***

Loving and compassionate God we give you thanks,  
For our friends and family who love and comfort us in times of need,  
We think of those who are alone and feel abandoned in the midst of social distancing.

***God comfort and surround them that they may sense your presence.  
God in your mercy be with them.***

Caring and healing God we give you thanks,  
For hospital workers who minister in the midst of this pandemic,  
We think of those who have lost loved ones and of those who are afraid yet still work.

***God strengthen and hold them in your healing presence,  
Give them wisdom that they may respond with your love.***

*(Time of silence for personal prayer)*

Gracious and generous God,  
We remember all the gifts you have given us,  
***We remember how lavishly you have provided.  
We remember how lovingly you have cared,***  
We remember especially that greatest gift of all,  
Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
***And we give you thanks.***  
***Amen***

### *The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

Circle us, Lord.  
Keep strife without, keep peace within.  
Keep fear without, keep hope within.  
Keep pride without, keep trust within.  
Keep evil out, keep good within.  
May we walk in the hope of your kingdom.  
Fill us with your light and love.  
Be with us all through this day.  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

