

Compline – Monday, December 14, 2020

Celtic Daily Prayer – The Northumbria Community

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### **Opening**

God with me protecting,  
the Lord with me directing,  
the Spirit with me strengthening  
for ever and evermore.

***Be still and aware of God's presence within and all around***

### **Scripture – Luke 6:21-24 (CEV)**

Jesus looked at his disciples and said:

God will bless you people  
who are poor.  
His kingdom belongs to you!  
God will bless  
you hungry people.  
You will have plenty  
to eat!  
God will bless you people  
who are crying.  
You will laugh!

God will bless you when others hate you and won't have anything to do with you. God will bless you when people insult you and say cruel things about you, all because you are a follower of the Son of Man. Long ago your own people did these same things to the prophets. So when this happens to you, be happy and jump for joy! You will have a great reward in heaven.

But you rich people  
are in for trouble.  
You have already had  
an easy life!  
You well-fed people  
are in for trouble.  
You will go hungry!  
You people  
who are laughing now  
are in for trouble.

You are going to cry  
and weep!

You are in for trouble when everyone says good things about you. That is what your own people said about those prophets who told lies.

**Poem – “Joy” by Miller Oberman**

Like the time I dreamt about a loon family,  
just some common loons—not metaphors  
in any way, just real loons in a lake swimming  
near each other so it was clear they were a set,  
preferring each other’s company in the cold  
still lake with its depth of reflected pines.  
The curve of their black heads and sleek  
necks, black and white stripes then checks  
on their folded wings, floating so low  
atop their reflections they almost seem  
inside them. Their wails like wolves, their  
calls like an echo without origin, their  
calls like an echo of lake, or what makes lake  
lake. How nice to think the male and female  
loons cannot be told apart by their plumage  
and that they build a nest and sit on eggs  
together. One of their calls is called “tremolo.”

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving**

O God, at this time, we lift up to you our concerns, hopes and thanksgivings for ourselves and others, naming them out loud or holding them in our hearts....

**Closing Prayers**

O God of life, this night,  
O darken not to me Thy light.  
O God of life, this night,  
close not they gladness to my sight.  
O God of life, this night,  
Thy door to me, O shut not tight,  
O God of life, this night.  
O darken not to me Thy light.

Be it in Thine own beloved arms,  
O God of grace,  
that I in peace shall sleep and wake.

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