

Celtic style Morning Prayer during Easter

OPENING SENTENCES

O Lord, open our lips
All **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

In your resurrection, O Christ,
All **let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

This or another prayer of thanksgiving may be said

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As once you ransomed your people from Egypt
and led them to freedom in the promised land,
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.
May we, the first fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this new day you have made,
and praise you for your mighty acts.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

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.**

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.

THE CONCLUSION

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.
All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**