

Compline – Friday, October 2, 2020
Celtic Daily Prayer Book One: The Journey Begins

Opening Prayer

Hear I am, my Jesus, teach me.

Lord, be the gatherer of our dreams.
You set the countless stars in place,
And found room for each of them to shine.
You listen for us in Your heaven-bright hall.
Open our mouths to tell our tales of wonder.

Hear I am, my Jesus, teach me.

FREE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

I trust in Thee, O Lord.
I say, 'Thou art my God.
My times are in Thy hand,
my times are in Thy hand.'

Scripture – Isaiah 41:9-10 (Contemporary English Version - CEV)

From far across the earth
I brought you here and said,
"You are my chosen servant.
I haven't forgotten you."
Don't be afraid. I am with you.
Don't tremble with fear.
I am your God.
I will make you strong,
as I protect you with my arm
and give you victories.

Poem – "After a Rainstorm" by Robert Wrigley

Because I have come to the fence at night,
the horses arrive also from their ancient stable.
They let me stroke their long faces, and I note
in the light of the now-merging moon

how they, a Morgan and a Quarter, have been
by shake-guttered raindrops
spotted around their rumps and thus made
Appaloosas, the ancestral horses of this place.

Maybe because it is night, they are nervous,
or maybe because they too sense
what they have become, they seem
to be waiting for me to say something

to whatever ancient spirits might still abide here,
that they might awaken from this strange dream,
in which there are fences and stables and a man
who doesn't know a single word they understand.

Intercessory Prayer

If I open my eyes to the world around me,
If I open my heart to all people
That surround me,
Then I feel pain and brokenness,
I see suffering and injustice.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me:
I will hold Your people in my heart.

Personal Intercessions

Closing Prayer

I pray the protection of Christ to clothe me,
Christ to enfold me,
to surround me and guard me
this night and every night.
Be the keeper of my dreams
And my rest
that tomorrow I may wake refreshed,
ready to follow you wherever you lead.

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