

The Camel-Allen Churches

Celtic-style Morning Prayer at home



Sunday 14^h June 2020 – Trinity 1

Opening Acclamation & prayer

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

(Genesis 1.1-2)

Be thou my vision, O Lord.

Be thou my soul's shelter,

O Lord of my heart

Eternal God, who knows neither morning nor evening,
yet wraps us in love both night and day,
Lift the curtain from the world and the veil from our hearts.

Rise with the morning sun upon our souls
and enliven our work and prayer.

May we walk this day in the steps of your Son
who lived on earth and who always worked in harmony with your will.

And God said, 'Let there be light' (Gen 1.3)

A candle may be lit

Hymn: *(we say or sing)*

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The holy one is here
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The holy one is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendour he is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister his grace
No work too hard for him
In faith receive from him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

We make our confession

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. (Gen1.27, 31)

Secure in the knowledge that God, who created us, loves us dearly, let us now confess before him those sins of which we are ashamed, and which fill our lives with darkness and despair...

Silence may be kept

**High King of Heaven, Father of all,
in our pride and our weakness we have failed you
and we are truly sorry.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who died for us, forgive us our sins
and bind us to you with cords of compassion
that we may once again walk in the light of your love.**

and receive God's forgiveness...

May the High King of Heaven, with Jesus his Son,
have mercy upon you.

May all that dismays you and fills you with fear
be cleansed and forgiven,
and in the power of the Spirit
may you never be separated from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, open our lips,
And our mouths shall sing your praise.

Let us worship the Lord

All praise to his name.

**Eternal light shine in our hearts
Eternal goodness deliver us from evil
Eternal power be our support
Eternal wisdom scatter the darkness of our ignorance.**

**Eternal pity have mercy on us
That with our all our heart and mind
And soul and strength we may seek your face
And be brought by your infinite mercy
To your holy presence**

Alcuin of York

The alternative Collect for the first Sunday after Trinity

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**



Readings

Exodus 19.2-8a

²They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. ³Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole

earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.'

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ⁸The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.' Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.



Romans 5.1-8

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Hymn

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me?

4. Will you love the you inside
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.



John L Bell

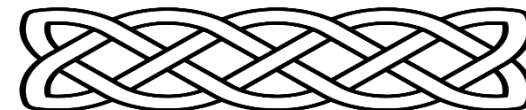
Gospel Reading

Matthew 9.35-10.8

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

^{10.1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near."
⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment



Reflection

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Ex 19. 5 Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, 6but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.

This was Gods summons to Israel. They were chosen to have a priestly role, that is to represent God to the people, and the people to God. Speaking out the message of God, bringing people in worship before God, ministering God's forgiveness and reconciliation and love.

They were to be holy - set apart for God, showing by their lives what God is like, demonstrating his character, his holiness.

By living as God's people, living Gods way, holy and in communication with him through their worship they were to be a living example to the world: a blessing to the nations.

Yes, they said to Moses, we will do this: but they didn't. Instead they turned inwards, congratulated themselves on being the 'chosen ones', excluded other people and forgot the fact that they were not chosen because they were special, but for a purpose - to make God known in the world.

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Today's reading from Romans 5.1 reminds us that:

since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

We too have been chosen and given all this! Indeed, writing to all believers, Peter declares...

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. (1 Peter 2.9)

We revel in what God has done for us in Christ Jesus and who he has made us to be, but we need to remember why:
in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you...

We like the people of Israel were chosen not because we're something special (remember it was *While we were yet sinners Christ died for us* Rom 5.8) but in order that we might proclaim him in word and deed: by what we say and the things that we do and the very way we live our lives, that we as the church, God's people, take up the challenge to Israel, that the nations might be blessed through us.

Following Jesus is not just a blessing for us, something for us to be smug about, something to hug to ourselves and congratulate ourselves on, we called for a purpose:

7As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near."

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

This is the message we proclaim in word and deed: representing God in his world; sharing the good news; showing Gods love in what we do and his holiness in the way that we live; bringing people into relationship with the living God. It is an awesome and daunting and exciting calling, but we can do it because:

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. (Romans 5.5)

Amen. May it be so in my life, today and always.



Affirmation of faith *Can be said or sung to tune Hyfrydol (eg Alleluia sing to Jesus, or I will tell the wondrous story) Or any 87 87 or 87 87D tune.*

We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.

We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,

he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the live that knows no end.

Prayers of intercession

Let us pray for those who may be born today
and bless them in Jesus' name...

**The joy of God shine from your face
and joy to all who see you;
the shield of God surround your head
and angels ever guard you.**

May every season be good for you
and the Prince of Peace give peace to you

Let us pray for those who must work today
and bless them in Jesus' name...

**God bless you today,
the earth beneath your feet,
the path on which you tread,
the work of hand and mind,
the things which you desire.**

And when the day is over,
God bless you to your rest.

Let us pray for those who are sick in body mind or spirit today
and bless them in Jesus' name...

**May the keeping of Christ be round you,
may the guarding of God be with you,
to possess you, to protect you
from danger and from loss.**

May the gospel of the God of grace
bless you from head to sole.

Let us pray for those who may face death today
and bless them in Jesus' name:

**May God provide for you
all that is needed
for body, mind and soul
as you face the final journey**

May Christ take your soul in his arms
and bring you through the balancing time
to the dwelling place of peace
and make it your home forever.

And let us pray for ourselves and one another...

**In the isolation or the busyness of this day
grant me a stillness of seeing, O God.**

**In the conflicting voices of my heart
grant me a calmness of hearing.**

**Let my seeing and hearing
my words and my actions
be rooted in a silent certainty of your presence.**

**Let our passions for life
and the longings for justice that stir within us**

**be grounded in the experience of your stillness.
Let my life be rooted in the ground of your peace, O God,
let me be rooted in the depths of your peace. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven...



The Lord's Prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever.

Amen

Hymn

We have a gospel to proclaim
Good news for men in all the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save;
In lonely suffering on the cross
For all He loved, His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified;
He sends His Spirit on His Church
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Thanksgiving

For all that God can do within us,
for all that God can do without us,
Thanks be to God.

For all in whom Christ lived before us,
for all in whom Christ lives beside us,
Thanks be to God.

For all the Spirit wants to bring us,
for where the Spirit wants to send us,
Thanks be to God. Amen



Benediction

**I bind unto myself today
The strong name of the Trinity.
The love of the Father who made me,
The love of the Son who died for me,
The love of the Spirit who dwells within me,
Bless me and keep me.
Amen.**

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