﻿**Celtic Monday Morning Prayer From The Northumbria Community**

**﻿**We Pray **(All) In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Silence**

﻿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.

**﻿Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

Most powerful Holy Spirit,

**(All) come down**

**upon us**

**and subdue us.**

**From heaven,**

**where the ordinary**

**is made glorious,**

**and glory seems but ordinary,**

**bathe us**

**with the brilliance**

**of Your light like dew.**

**﻿To whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life,**

**and we have believed and have come to know**

**that You are the Holy One of God.**

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,**

**King of endless glory.**

**Responsory**

**﻿**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.**

The Word Of God In Psalm 80

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts, \*
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

﻿**MEDITATION**

Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery that it is. In the boredom and pain of it no less than in the excitement and gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it because in the last analysis all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace.

**Silence**

## **Gospel Reading**

Gospel Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: Also with you.**

Gospel Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: ‘Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!’

Then the disciples came and asked him, ‘Why do you speak to them in parables?’ He answered, ‘To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. The reason I speak to them in parables is that “seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.” With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says:
“You will indeed listen, but never understand,
   and you will indeed look, but never perceive.
For this people’s heart has grown dull,
   and their ears are hard of hearing,
     and they have shut their eyes;
     so that they might not look with their eyes,
   and listen with their ears,
and understand with their heart and turn—
   and I would heal them.”
But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

Gospel Reader: **Christ The Gospel of Christ**

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus**

﻿**Litany**

Canticle Christ,

as a light illumine and guide me.

Christ, as a shield overshadow me.

**(All) 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.

**﻿(All)** **Christ as a light;**

**Christ as a shield;**

**Christ beside me on my left and my right.**

We pray for others

Aloud or silent prayer

We pray for ourselves

Aloud or silent prayer

We pray for the dearly departed

Aloud or silent prayer

And together we pray,

**﻿(All)** **Christ as a light;**

**Christ as a shield;**

**Christ beside me on my left and my right. Amen.**

As Our Saviour Christ taught us we are bold to say:

**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.**

﻿The Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,

wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness,

protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

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Closing Responses

**The Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil,**

**And keep us in eternal life. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**