

Let us pray:

Stay with us Lord, for the day is almost over.....

Come sit at our table. Be present in the bread we break in our meal together. It is our daily bread lifted out of both grace and struggle. It is the bread of compassion and joy, sorrow and courage. We bless you who have journeyed with us through the hours of this day. Now it is evening and the day is almost spent. Come to our supper table. Be our guest. Let us see your face in each of our table companions. Enliven our table fellowship with your presence among us. At this our evening prayer, light the lamps of our hearts and attend to our deepest hungers. May it be so now.....Amen

*We celebrate our heritage in song
Hail Glorious St Patrick (adapted)*

Hail glorious St Patrick, we honour your name
Your story inspires us to make Christ our aim
The fires you ignited are still burning bright
With the message of Easter that Christ is our light.
With the message of Easter, with the message of Easter
With the message of Easter, that Christ is our light.

Hail glorious St Patrick your vision was grand
You carried Christ's Gospel throughout Ireland
The lesson you gave us invites us to strive
That faith in Christ Jesus be always alive
That faith in Christ Jesus, that faith in Christ Jesus
That faith in Christ Jesus, be always alive

Your legacy now flourishes in many a land
Far removed from the scene of the works of your hands
But here in Australia we rise to proclaim:
"O Christ be beside me, and ever remain!"
"O Christ be beside me, O Christ be beside me"
"O Christ be beside me, and ever remain"



Celebrating St Patrick- Evening Prayer

*A Story of Courage & Faith
One in Heart & Mind
BC Anthem 2008*

Christ be before me, Christ be behind me
Christ be within me, God over all
Christ to the left of me
Christ to the right of me
Christ all around me, God over all.

A small band of brothers in Ireland
All offer their lives when they answered
the call
To bring education and justice
And the Good News of Christ
-the Patricians went forth
-awakening hearts
-and opening minds
-giving glory to God the Most High

CHORUS

And now always be one in heart and mind
Christ always before and Christ behind
To stand with the poor and hold the line
With the People of God

Inspired by Daniel Delany
The Brothers brought knowledge and light
to the poor
With trust in the Spirit to guide them
And eyes like St Patrick to see Christ in all
-that some good might take hold
-some hope be restored
-that the voices of all might be heard
(CHORUS)

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Christ be within me , God over all
Christ to the left of me
Christ to the right of me
Christ all around me, God over all.



A reflection Live the Good News

*God's greatest glory
is the person fully human,
fully alive.*

- St Irenaeus 2nd century

The tragedy of life is not death,
But that we die inside us while we live.

So, decide to be happy, and,
Decide to make others happy.

Proclaim your joy to the world
Do not wait for a better world.

Be grateful for every moment of life

Switch on , and keep on
Keep the positive buttons marked—
Optimism, Gratitude, Affirmation,
Serenity, Confidence, Hospitality, Love.

Listen to God. And, talk to God giving thanks
Many times each day.
Look with fascination and delight
At everything and everyone

Fill your heart and lungs with freedom---
The freedom of the sons of God
Be yourself, fully and unashamedly.

Feel God's love in your mind and in your heart

And be convinced—
Of Resurrection, of New Life,
and of Eternal Life

AMEN



*An evening psalm
(Macrina Wiederkehr)*

Antiphon: In the evening of life we shall be
judged by love (John of the Cross)

L: O gracious giver of the day,
Bountiful has been my daily bread;
And in the heart of sorrows
You have surrounded me with grace.

R: Like the earth circling the sun,
Blessings have circled my day.
As the lamps of evening are lit,
I live in the circling.

L: My eyes scan the horizons
Of your goodness.
Standing tall with thanksgiving
I praise you with a grateful heart.

R: O mystery within mystery,
Touch the paradoxes of this day
with your healing breath.

L: Let your mantle of peace
clothe me in this evening hour.

R: It is well with my soul.
All shall be well. All shall be well

GLORY be...

Antiphon