

4: We arise each day with God's hand to guard us and God's shield to protect us. R/

All: God of love, you are with us always. Guide and protect us and lead us to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus you Son. Amen.

**Prayers of the Faithful** (*Spontaneous - Lord, hear us...Lord, hear our prayer.*)

**A Prayer of Consecration** (*Please stand - Together*)

Dear Heavenly Father,

I come to you boldly in Jesus' name.

Take me as I am.

As Patrick did, I now give myself - my heart, my mind, my body, my time, talents and treasure to you.

Fill me and possess me. I renounce all sins, self and satan.

Jesus, sanctify me. Cleanse me, purge me, purify me.

Your will be done in my life, on earth as it is in heaven.

Let me manifest a faithful spirit, a pure mind

and a sickless body to your glory.

Help me, as you helped St Patrick, to consecrate my being to you. Amen.

**Concluding Hymn - Hail Glorious St Patrick** (Adapted)

Hail, glorious St. Patrick, dear saint of our Isles,  
On us thy poor children bestow a sweet smile;  
And now thou art high in the mansions above,  
On all our green valleys look down in thy love.  
On all our green valleys, on all our green valleys,  
On all our green valleys look down in thy love.

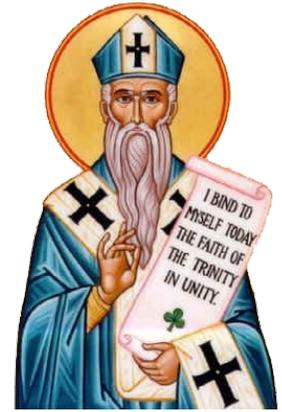
Many people, now prophets on many a shore,  
Shall love and revere thee till time be no more;  
And the fire thou hast kindled shall ever burn bright,  
Its warmth undiminished, undying its light.  
Its warmth undiminished, its warmth undiminished  
Its warmth undiminished, undying its light

Ever bless and defend the sweet lands of our birth,  
Where missionaries still bloom as when thou wert on earth,  
And our hearts shall yet burn, wherever we roam,  
For God and St. Patrick, and our native homes.  
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And now let us offer each other a sign of peace.

## St Patrick's Day Prayer *Called to be Prophets* Ryde, 11th March, 2011



*To begin our prayer, let us contemplate the gift of God-in-our-lives through the prayer and poetry of St Patrick's Breastplate.*

I arise today

Through the strength of heaven:

Light of sun, Radiance of moon, Splendour of fire,  
Speed of lightning, Swiftness of wind, Depth of sea,  
Stability of earth, Firmness of rock.

I arise to-day

Through God's strength to pilot me:

God's eyes to look before me, God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me,  
From all who shall wish me ill,

Afar and anear, Alone and in a multitude.

Against every cruel merciless power that may oppose my body and soul

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,

Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,

Christ when I arise, Christ to shield me,

Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks of me.

I arise today

**Response**

*Let us make this faith declaration our own by proclaiming our faith to God and to each other, again in words attributed to St Patrick.*

LHS There is no other God

There never was and there never will be,

Than God the Father

Unbegotten and without beginning,

From whom is all beginning,

The Lord of the universe as we have been taught.

R: *We acknowledge and adore Him as One God in the Trinity of the Holy Name.*

RHS And His Son Jesus Christ whom we declare  
To have been always with the Father  
In a way which baffles description  
Before the beginning of the world,  
before all beginning;  
and by Him are made, all things visible and invisible.

*R: We acknowledge and adore Him as One God in the Trinity of the Holy Name.*

LHS He was made man, defeated death  
And was received into Heaven by the Father  
Who has given Him all power over all names  
In heaven, on earth and under the earth;  
And every tongue will acknowledge to Him  
that Jesus Christ is the Lord. R/

RHS We believe in Him and we look forward for His coming soon  
As judge of the living and the dead,  
Who will treat all persons according to their deeds. R/

LHS He has poured out the Holy Spirit on us in abundance,  
The gift and guarantee of eternal life,  
Who makes those who believe and obey  
Sons of God and joint heirs with Christ. R/

Glory be to the Father.....

### **Reading** (Br Patrick)

*Words without works are worse than nothing. Let us read now from St Patrick's "Confessio" which is clear that our primary work as followers of Christ is to be prophets in our world, especially if there are hardships.*

I came to the Irish people to preach the Gospel and endure the taunts of unbelievers, putting up with reproaches about my earthly pilgrimage, suffering many persecutions, even bondage, and losing my birthright of freedom for the benefit of others.

If I am worth, I am ready also to give my life, without hesitation and most willingly, for Christ's name. I want to spend myself for that country, even in death, if the Lord should grant me this favour.

It is among that people that I want to wait for the promise made by him, who



assuredly never tells a lie. He makes this promise in the Gospel: "They shall come from the east and west and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." This is our faith: believers are to come from the whole world.

### **Prayer** (Together)

We give you thanks, almighty God, for sending St Patrick to preach your glory to the people of Ireland. Grant that we who are proud to call ourselves Christians, may never cease to proclaim to the world the good news of salvation. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Reading 2** (*Jeremiah 1: 4-9 The Call of Jeremiah*) (Br Mark)

The word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

"Ah, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child."

But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD. Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### **Prayer** (Together)

Lord, strengthen our faith: may all we do or say proclaim your truth in imitation of St Patrick who did not spare himself but gave his whole life to the preaching of your Word. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Response** (Br Philip)

L: With faith and hope we pray with St Patrick for God's guidance and protection. We respond: R/ **"Christ is the light of my life."**

1: We arise each day with God's strength to help us and God's power to uphold us in time of trouble. R/

2: We arise each day with God's wisdom to guide us and God's eyes to watch over us wherever we go. R/

3: We arise each day with God's ears to hear us and God's word to inspire us. R/

