

Patmos Abbey



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Gathering Music:

Approach

Cel: The angels of God guard us through the night,
and quieten the powers of darkness.

The Spirit of God be our guide
to lead us to peace and to glory.

It is but lost labour that we haste to rise up early,
and so late take rest, and eat the bread of anxiety.
For those beloved of God are given gifts even while they
sleep.

(silence)

Opening Hymn...

Cel: My brothers and sisters,
our help is in the name of the eternal God,
who is making the heavens and the earth.

Eternal God,
thank you for all that is good,
for our creation and our humanity,
for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth,
for the gifts of life and of one another,
for your love which is unbounded and eternal.

O thou, most holy and beloved,
my Companion, my guide upon the way
my bright evening star.

We repent the wrongs we have done:

(silence)

We have wounded your love.

ALL: O God, heal us.

We stumble in the darkness.

ALL: Light of the world transfigure us.

We forget that we are your home.

ALL: Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Cel: Eternal Spirit, living God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you,
to the very secret of our hearts
and all that rises to trouble us.

Living flame,

burn into us,

cleansing wind,

blow through us,

fountain of water,

well up within us,

that we may love and praise in deed and in truth.



Invocation

Eternal Spirit,
flow through our being and open our lips,
that our mouths may proclaim your praise.
Let us worship the God of love.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 65

A Version from New Zealand ... to be prayed by alternate sides

**Praise is your due O God in the holy city,
promises made to you shall be fulfilled;
prayer you always listen to.**

You accept all who come to you with shame;
sin would overwhelm us, but you wash it away.

**Blest is anyone you choose to live with you;
your house is an inspiration, a hallowed place.**

You spread your justice, God our Saviour,
across the world to the farthest oceans.

**You have laid down the mountain ranges and set them fast;
you make the seas calm and the sounds peaceful;
you reconcile the peoples who dwell here.**

So in this corner of the earth we wonder at your deeds;
at the meeting of east and west we sing your praise.

**You water the land and make it flourish,
from your own bursting river.**

To provide our crops, you plough and irrigate the land,
softening it with rain to make it fruitful;
a record harvest is achieved, and the stores are overflowing.

**The tussock land becomes pasture
and the brown hills turn green;
the paddocks are crowded with sheep
and the plains thick with wheat:
the world itself a canticle of praise.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be. Amen**

Reading *the following or another reading may be proclaimed*

It is the God who said, Let light shine out of darkness,
who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the glory of
God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show
that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed;
perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not
forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in
the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also
be manifested in our body. *2 Corinthians 4:6-10*

Hymn

Prayers

Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit,

ALL: for you have redeemed me, O God of truth and love.

Keep me, O God, as the apple of an eye;

ALL: hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Preserve us, O God, while waking,

ALL: and guard us while sleeping,

that awake we may watch with Christ,

ALL: and asleep may rest in your peace.

Song of Simeon

ALL: Praise be to God, I have lived to see this day.

God's promise is fulfilled, and my duty done.

At last you have given me peace,

for I have seen with my own eyes

the salvation you have prepared for all nations -

a light to the world in its darkness

and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to God, sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,

as in the beginning, so now, and for ever.

Amen.

Cel: Preserve us, O God, while waking,

and guard us while sleeping,

that awake we may watch with Christ,

and asleep may rest in your peace.

Prayed slowly...

Lord, have mercy....

Kyrie eleison.

Christ, have mercy..

Christe eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.



The Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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 echos through the universe!

The way of your justice will 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 for ever. Amen.

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,

ALL: for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid.

Let us bless the Earth-maker, the Pain-bearer, the Life-giver,

ALL: let us praise and exalt God above all for ever.

May God's name be praised beyond the furthest star,

ALL: glorified and exalted above all for ever.

Cel: O living God, in Jesus Christ you were laid in the tomb at this evening hour, and so sanctified the grave to be a bed of hope to your people. Give us courage and faith to die daily to our sin and pride, that even as this flesh and blood decays, our lives still may grow in you, that at our last day our dying may be done so well that we live in you for ever. Amen.

Blessing as we go into the night...

Cel: The blessing of God,
+the eternal goodwill of God,
+the shalom of God,
+ the wildness and the warmth of God,
be among us and between us, now and always.

Cel: The divine Spirit dwells in us. Shalom... Shalom...

ALL: Thanks be to God. Shalom...Shalom...

Final anthem:

*Can we kindly request that you might leave this Order of Service with us...
it will find many uses in the future. Many thanks*

Some Hymns:

Be Thou my Vision *Irish Melody 18th C*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou are.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won.
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n' Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Hail Gladdening Light

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured,
who is immortal Father, heavenly blest;
Holiest of Holies, Jesus Christ our Lord!
Now are we come to the sun's hour of rest;
the lights of evening round us shine,
we hymn the Father, Son and Holy Spirit divine.
Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung,
with undefilèd tongue,
Son of our God, Giver of life, alone!
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.



Words: Greek; trans. John Keble, 1834

The day Thou gave us Lord is ended

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended;
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

**We thank Thee that Thy church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.**

**As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.**

**The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.**

**So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.**

John Ellerton

Abide with me

**Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens. Lord with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day.
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me!**

**I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me!**

Music by William Henry Monk with lyrics by Henry Francis Lyte, 1861

Surrender *John Michael Talbot*

Take all my freedom
My liberty, my will.
All that I have You've given to me
So I offer it up to You

CHORUS I surrender it all to Jesus
I surrender it all to God's will
I surrender it all for the Kingdom of God
I surrender my life my all

Your grace and Your love
are wealth enough for me.
Grant me these, Lord Jesus
And I'll ask for nothing more.

CHORUS 2x
I surrender my life my all

At Evening *David Haas*

**1. Now it is evening: Lights of the city
Bid us remember Christ is our Light.
Many are lonely, Who will be neighbor?
Where there is caring Christ is our Light.**

**2. Now it is evening: Little ones sleeping
Bid us remember Christ is our Peace.
Some are neglected, Who will be neighbor?
Where there is caring Christ is our Peace.**

**3. Now it is evening: Food on the table
Bid us remember Christ is our Life.
Many are hungry, Who will be neighbor?
Where there is sharing Christ is our Life.**

**4. Now it is evening: Here in our meeting
May we remember Christ is our Friend.
Some may be strangers, Who will be neighbor?
Where there's a welcome Christ is our Friend.**

Into The West *Annie Lennox*

**Lay down, your sweet and weary head.
Night is falling. You have come to journey's end.**

**Sleep now, and dream of the ones who came before.
They are calling, from across a distant shore.**

**Why do you weep? What are these tears upon your face?
Soon you will see. All of your fears will pass away.
Safe in my arms, you're only sleeping.**

**What can you see, on the horizon?
Why do the white gulls call?
Across the sea, a pale moon rises.
The ships have come, to carry you home.**

**And all will turn, to silver glass.
A light on the water. All souls pass.**

**Hope fades, Into the world of night.
Through shadows falling, Out of memory and time.**

**Don't say, We have come now to the end.
White shores are calling.
You and I will meet again.
And you'll be here in my arms, Just sleeping.**

**What can you see, on the horizon?
Why do the white gulls call?
Across the sea, a pale moon rises.
The ships have come, to carry you home.**

**And all will turn, to silver glass.
A light on the water.
Grey ships pass Into the West.**

