

A hymn to listen to and pray into our lives:

Be Thou my vision, oh Lord of my heart
Nought be all else to me, save that Thy art
Thou my best thought in the day and the night
Waking or sleeping, Thou presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight
Be Thou my armour and be Thou my might
Thou my soul shelter, and Thy my high tower
Raise Thou me heavenwards, oh power of my power

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance through all of my days
Thou and Thou only though first in my heart
High king of heaven my treasure Thou art

High king of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun
Grant me its joys after victory is won
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

*Thank you for joining us today. We hope that you find today's service
helpful and have enjoyed coming back.*

You are welcome to give money on the plate as you leave if would like to.

*Do join us next week at 11am for Holy Communion.
Have a good week.*

Prayers taken from Celtic Daily Prayer & Church in Wales Daily Prayer

**Croeso i / Welcome to
St Cynfarch and St Cyngar's Church, Hope**

Celtic Prayer on the Sunday before the Feast of St Cynfarch:

Sunday 6th September 2020

(First Sunday Worship since 15th March)

1 We gather in God's presence

Welcome and Notices

A hymn to listen to:

Here is love, vast as the ocean,
Loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten,
Throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above,
And heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

William Rees (1802-83), trans. William Edwards (1848-1929)



In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We say together

**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.**

Who is it that you seek?

All: We seek the Lord our God

Do you seek him with all your heart?

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek him with all your soul?

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek him with all your mind?

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek him with all your strength?

All: Amen. Christ, have mercy.

2 We receive God's forgiveness

God is Spirit and those who worship him:

All: We worship in Spirit and in truth.

Come, Holy Spirit of God:

All: And search our hearts with the light of Christ.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind,

and with all your strength.'

6 We go out in God's strength

St Patrick's Breastplate Prayer

Christ as a light, illumine and guide me.

Christ as a shield, overshadow me.

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.

Christ as a light; Christ as a shield;

Christ beside me, on my left and my right.

I bless you in the name of the Father,

the Son and the Sacred Spirit;

The One and the Three.

May God give you to drink of His cup;

May the sun be bright upon you;

May the night call down peace;

And when you come to His household

May the door be open wide

For you to go in to your joy.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.

4 A Celtic Creed

**We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty.
We believe and trust in Jesus Christ His Son.
We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.
We believe and trust in the Three in One.**

**Lord, You have always given
Strength for the coming day;
And though I am weak, today I believe.**

**Lord, You have always given
Peace for the coming day;
And though of anxious hear, today I believe.**

**Lord, you have always spoken
When time was ripe;
And though You be silent now, today I believe.**

5 We give thanks and pray

Celtic Prayers of Intercession followed by the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The second is this:

'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

We pray together:

**O Father, O Son, O Holy Spirit,
forgive me my sins.
O only-begotten Son of the heavenly Father, forgive.
O God who is one,
O God who is true,
O God who is first,
O God who is one substance,
O God only mighty,
in three Persons, truly merciful, forgive.**

Pour down upon us from heaven
The rich blessing of Your forgiveness.
Grant to us, O Saviour of Glory, the fear of God,
The love of God and his Affection,
And the will of God to do on earth at all times
As angels and saints do in heaven. Amen.

3 We hear the Word

A Collect for St Cynfarch

Everlasting God, as many were brought to Christ by the radiant example of the virtuous life and missionary labours of holy Cynfarch, we pray that we too may follow after Cynfarch in our faith and service, that our souls may be saved through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Genesis 12:1-9

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from Luke 9:1-6

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He told them: "Take nothing for the journey-no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt. Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town. If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them." So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

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A Reflection from Gareth on Celtic Christianity and the example of Cynfarch



The Celtic Cross, found during the Millennium Restoration and set in the wall of the chapel in St Cynfarch's Church

The circular churchyard of St Cynfarch's Church – another indicator of the church site's Celtic origins

