

Sunday Worship Online

6th September 2020

Celtic Prayer on the Sunday before the Feast of St Cynfarch (8 Sep)
(The 5th century Saint to which Hope Church is dedicated)

1 OPENING PRAYERS | Adam Rector

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

**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.

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.

2 A TIME TO BE STILL

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.'

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.

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.**

3 A TIME TO PRAISE

We sing In Christ Alone, led by the band lab team
Words on the screen

4 A TIME TO LEARN

A reading from Luke 9:1-6 | read by Rachel & Hannah

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.

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

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



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

5 PRAYERS

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.**

6 A CELTIC BLESSING

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.**

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