

Saint Patrick's Day

Introductory Reading

Leader: Lord, from age to age gather a people to yourself, so that from North to South, and East to West, a perfect offering may be made to the glory of your name.

ALL: In the presence of this gathering, Lord, we give you thanks and praise.

Leader: Be with us in this gathering, Lord. Make us one as we proclaim your wondrous deeds and magnificent love.

ALL: We as this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

St Patrick's Profession of Faith in the Trinity

LHS: There is no other God, there never was and there never will be than God the Father unbegotten and without beginning the Lord of the universe as we have been taught;

RHS: and his Son Jesus Christ whom we declare to have been always 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.

LHS: Jesus was made human, 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.

RHS: *We believe in Him and we look for His coming soon as judge of the living and of the dead, who will treat all persons according to their deeds.*

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.

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

ALL: **Glory be to the Father, and.....**

A Reflective Prayer on the Breastplate

Reader 1: Christ in the heart of everyone who speaks to me

**Christ, make me attentive to the word,
that I may hear the word.**

**Christ, make me listen to the other,
that I may hear the other.**

**Christ when words fail and communication breaks down,
You are still there to keep us together.**

ALL: *Christ, let me hear you
in the voice of a friend,
in the chatter of a child,
in the utterances of the mute,
in the words of a stranger.*

Reader 2: Christ in the eyes of everyone that sees me

Christ, let me see You in others.

Christ, let others see You in me.

Christ, let me see You:

as the caller

as the poor

**as the stranger at my door.
You are the wanderer, the unfed.
You are the homeless, with no bed.
You are the other who comes to me
Open my eyes that I may see.**

*ALL: Christ, grant that in me others may see:
Your glory, Your grace, Your goodness, Your presence.
We have been created in the image of God.*

Reader 3: Christ in the ear that hears me

**Christ, You are there before I speak,
Help me to respect You.
Christ, You are present in the listener,
Let me reveal You.
Christ, may my words not hide
You the Word.**

*ALL: Christ is here, Christ is there,
Christ is everywhere.
Christ above, Christ below,
Christ along the path I go.*

*ALL: O God, you sent your blessed servant St. Patrick,
to teach and save the people of his time and place.
You gave him a loving heart like your own.
You filled him with great faith and a burning desire
to work hard for your kingdom.
Please listen when he prays for us, His sons.
Grant to us, through his intercession,
a lively faith, a firm hope, and a strong will
to build your Kingdom.
AMEN.*

Hymn: Hail, Glorious St. Patrick

(Adapted)

Hail, glorious St. Patrick, your faith still lives on,
May the story you left us unite us as one;
And now you are high in the mansions above,
On our journey through life, look down in thy love.
On our journey through life, on our journey through life,
On our journey through life, look down in thy love.

Your people now exiles on many a shore,
Will love and revere you till time be no more;
The fire you have kindled ever burn bright,
Its warmth undiminished, undying its light.
Its warmth undiminished, its warmth undiminished
Its warmth undiminished, undying its light

Hail glorious St Patrick your vision was grand,
You carried Christ's message throughout all the land.
The example you left 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.

And now let us offer each other a

Happy St Patrick's Day