

St Bride's

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Morning Prayer

Wednesday 14th September 2016



Ninian of Whithorn

360 AD – 432 AD

Saint Ninian is a Christian saint first mentioned in the 8th century as being an early missionary among the Pictish peoples of what is now Scotland. He was born in Scotland and established a village of God in what is now Whithorn in Galloway.

Opening Prayer

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The light of God has come into the world.

The people were led through Moses by a pillar of fire.

The people were led through Ninian to a place of shining brightness.

The light of God has come into the world.

God of light,
who led Ninian to witness to you
in a land ignorant of your ways,
to establish a community that shone in the dark,
and to pray with courage for miracles,
establish the work of our hands
that with courage we may bring healing and light
into the dark places of our time.

Ray Simpson *The Celtic Prayer Book Volume Four*

Silence

Be still and aware of God's presence within, among and all around.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 139: 1-12

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O LORD, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night',
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

Matthew 9: 35-38

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Reflection

Reflect on the scriptures – silent or shared

Our Prayers

Light a candle, hold a stone, say a prayer - silent or spoken

Lord, place the circle of your love around ...

Lord's Prayer

**Ground of all being,
Mother of life, Father of the universe,
Your name is sacred, beyond speaking.
May we know your presence,
may your longings be our longings in heart and in action.
May there be food for the human family
today and for the whole earth community.
Forgive us the falseness of what we have done,
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.
Do not forsake us in our time of conflict
but lead us into new beginnings.
For the light of life, the vitality of life,
and the glory of life are yours now and forever.
Amen.**



Closing Prayer

The Holy Three encircle you.
The Saving Three release you.
The Eternal Three keep you.
May the Loving Three caress you
and work in you,
in your loved ones,
in those you have lost,
in your dark,
in your day,
in your pain,
in your seeing,
in your journey,
in eternity.

Ray Simpson *His Complete Celtic Prayers*