

Quiet Day
Evening Prayer
Liturgy



EVENING PRAYER

*Sources: John of the Cross Sayings of Light and Love, Night.
Iona Abbey Worship Book, Evening Prayer.*



Al atardecer serás examinado en el amor.

When evening comes you will be examined in love.

May God grant us a quiet evening and a perfect end. **Amen.**

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

A period of silence follows for reflection on the past day.

On a dark night, Kindled in love with deepest yearnings
-oh, blessed chance!

I left by none beheld, My house being now at rest.

In darkness and secure,

By the secret ladder, disguised -oh, blessed chance!-

In darkness and concealed, My house being now at rest.

In the blessed night, in secret, for no one saw me,

**Nor I beheld aught, without light or guide,
save that which burned in my heart.**

This light guided me, more surely than the light of noonday

To the place where he, whom I knew so well, was waiting for me

A place where none appeared.

Oh, night that guided me, oh, night more lovely than the dawn,

Oh, night that joined Beloved with loved one,

Loved one transformed in the Beloved!

Upon my flowery chest, entirely kept for him and him alone,

There he stayed and slept, and I caressed him,

In breezes from the fan of cedars blown.

The breeze from the turret, as I parted his locks;

With his gentle hand he wounded my neck

And caused all my senses to be suspended.

There I remained, forgetting myself,

My face I reclined on my Beloved.

All ceased and I abandoned myself,

Leaving my cares among the lilies forgotten.

God, for your love for us, warm and brooding,
which has brought us to birth and opened our eyes
to the wonder and beauty of creation,

WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

For your love for us, wild and freeing,
which has awakened us to the energy of creation:
to the sap that flows, the blood that pulses, the heart that sings.

WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

For your love for us, compassionate and patient,
which has carried us through our pain, wept beside us in our sin, and
waited with us in our confusion.

WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

For your love for us, strong and challenging, which has called us to risk for
you, asked for the best in us, and showed us how to serve.

WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

A reading from Scripture followed by silence: Matthew 5:1-16.

This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Lord now you let your servant go in peace:

your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation:

which you have prepared in the sight of every people,

a light to reveal you to the nations:

and the glory of your people Israel. (Luke 2:29-32)

Glory be to you Creator, Redeemer and Spirit of Life:

as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The blessing

The Lord bless us and watch over us;

the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;

the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace. Amen