

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.**

Let us affirm our faith

**We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn,  
In the waiting and uncertainty, where fear and courage join  
hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun sets over  
quarantined homes.**

**We believe in a with-us God, who sits down in our midst to  
share our humanity.**

**We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place: into  
action, into vulnerability, into selfless acts of kindness.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change and to put ourselves  
on the line, to choose love and life, and be used by the Spirit  
for God's new community of hope. Amen**

***A Reading from the Scriptures Matthew 28:1-10***

***Prayers of concern***

In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**  
Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
**for the night is at hand and the day is now past.**  
As the night watch looks for the morning,  
**so do we look for you, O Christ. Amen.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.**