

Smethwick Old Church



Evening Service of the Word

Welcome

May the light and peace of
Jesus Christ our Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Opening Acclamation

My soul waits for the Lord
more than those
who watch for the morning.

Out of the depths I have cried To You.

O Lord, hear my voice.

With my whole heart I want to praise You.

O Lord, hear my voice.

If you, Lord, should mark iniquities,
who could stand? Who could stand?

I will wait for the Lord.

**My soul waits
and in his word
do I hope.**

Silence

Expression of faith

Lord, you have always given
bread for the coming day;
though I am poor,
today I believe.

Lord, you have always given
strength for the coming day;
and though I am weak,
today I believe.

Lord, you have always given
peace for the coming day;
and though of anxious heart,
today I believe.

Lord, you have always kept
me safe in trials;
and now, tired as I am,
today I believe.

Lord, you have always marked
the road for the coming day;
and though it may be hidden,
today I believe.

Lord, you always lightened
this darkness of mine;
and though the night is here,
today I believe.

Lord, you have always spoken
When the time was ripe;
and though You be silent now,
today I believe.

The Word of God

Psalm

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

Reflection

Prayers of Healing and Thanksgiving

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.**

Hymn

Closing Responses

**In the shadow of Your wings
I will see Your praise, O Lord.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the refuge of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

**In the shadow of your wings
I will sing your praises O Lord.**

One thing I ask of the Lord,
one thing I seek;
to dwell in the presence of my God,
to gaze on Your holy place.

**In the shadow of your wings
I will sing your praises, O Lord.**

I believe I shall see the goodness
of the Lord in the land of the living.
O wait for the Lord!
Have courage and wait,
wait for the Lord.

**In the shadow of your wings
I will sing your praises, O Lord.**

Blessing

The almighty and most merciful Lord,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us
Amen

Celtic Daily Prayer: Inspirational prayers and readings from the Northumbrian Community, (HarperCollins: London 2005).