

***Irish Chaplaincy and St Bride's Church
celebrating the 1500th
anniversary of St Brigid of Kildare***



St Bride's Church, London

1 February 2024

Welcome: *The Reverend Dr Jeffrey Lake and St Bride's Church
Paul Raymond, Manager, Irish Chaplaincy Seniors*

12 noon—we mark the **Global Pause for Peace** in solidarity with those gathering in Ireland and elsewhere.

Lighting a light a candle for peace *The Reverend Dr Jeffrey Lake
St Bride's Church*

Sign of peace we offer one another a sign of peace and welcome.

Longing for Light, *led by Eddie Gilmore, CEO of L'Arche Ireland*

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

**Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Helping your Kingdom come *(Bernadette Farrell)*

Poem / reading offered by *Ellena Costello, Project Officer - Traveller
Equality Project, Irish Chaplaincy*

Reflection offered by *Paul Raymond*

Prayers of Intercession with response
(adapted from Morning Prayer for the Feast of St Brigid)

We praise the Lord Jesus Christ who led St. Brigid along the paths of Justice and holiness; and pray that we may follow his way.

Response; Lord, be our light and salvation.

Through your resurrection, Lord Jesus, new light came into our darkness – let your Church be a light to the world.

Response; Lord, be our light and salvation.

At the springtime of the year we renew our hope – give us the grace to encourage all whom we meet today

Response; Lord, be our light and salvation

Lord Jesus, you gave Brigid the desire to serve and not be served – may we spend our lives in the service of others.

Response; Lord, be our light and salvation.

You made the word of St. Brigid fruitful; – give success to the work of our hands and especially the work of the Irish Chaplaincy, L'Arche Ireland and St Bride's Church .

Response; Lord, be our light and salvation

Christ be all around me *led by Eddie Gilmore,*

Christ be all around wher'er I go
Christ above, alongside and below
Christ be in the sun and in the rain
Christ be in my joy and in my pain
Christ be on my left and on my right
Christ be in my darkness and my light
Christ in face of stranger and of friend
Christ be my beginning and my end



St Brigid - A Woman, A Life, A Legacy

Reflection offered *by Pat Gaffney, volunteer with the Senior's Project,*

Poem / reading offered *by Ellena Costello*

Be thou my vision *led by Eddie Gilmore,*

Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me,
save that thou art
Thou my best thought,
by day and by night
Waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom,
be thou my true word
I ever with thee and
thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father,
and I thy true child
Thou in me dwelling
and I with thee one

Be thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight
Be thou my armour,
and be thou my might
Thou my soul's shelter,
and thou my high tower
Raise thou me heavenward,
O power of my power.



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Riches I heed not, nor vain,
empty praise
Thou mine inheritance,
now and always
Thou and thou only
the first in my heart
High King of heaven,
my treasure thou art

High King of heaven,
my victory won
Grant heaven's joy to me, O bright
heaven's sun
Christ of my own heart,
whatever befall
Still be thou my vision,
O ruler of all

Blessing for the feast *offered by The Reverend Dr Jeffrey Lake*

May God, who in Saint Brigid has provided
an outstanding example of generosity:
make your ears be ever open to the cry of the poor. **R/. Amen.**

May you who greet Saint Brigid as Mary of the Gael
receive from Jesus, Son of Mary,
the reward promised to the pure of heart. **R/. Amen.**

May God fill you with his love,
as you honour Saint Brigid,
whose heart and mind became
a throne of rest for the Holy Spirit. **R/. Amen.**

We pray that God's blessing may come down on us all and remain with us for
ever. **R/. Amen.**

Music from St Brigid

Thanks to The **Reverend Canon Dr Alison Joyce** and the team here at St Brigid's
and to **Eddie Gilmore**, and L'Arche Ireland
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