

# SUNDAY LITURGY

MARCH 2025



## Online Sunday liturgy

Your responses are in **blue**.

We mute in order to listen better at certain times, especially to the music. I can do this for the whole group or you can do it yourself as a signal to yourself that you want to listen.

We unmute to be able to speak together. Even if we stumble over each other on line, it's good to pray together.

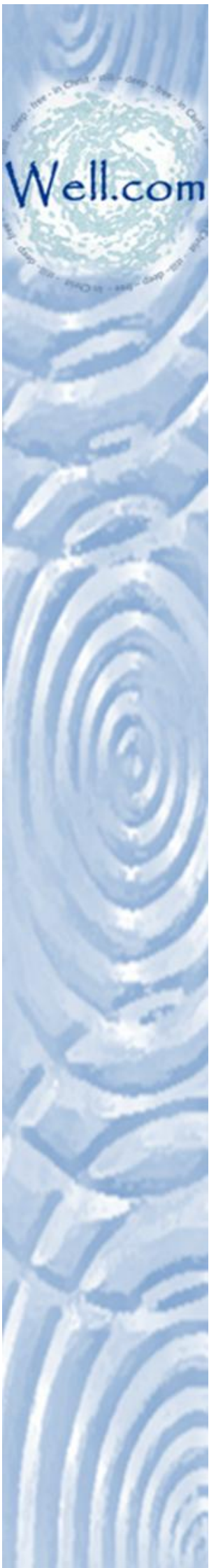
Feel free to join in with words or to simply sit in the quiet.

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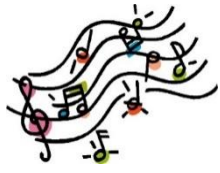
*A tree planted  
Not just a poetic image but a way of  
living in Christ*

*Repetition of Patrick's breastplate in  
different forms will remind us of our  
roots in Christ*

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*We mute*



## **ST PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE**

**Jean Watson**

### **OPENING PRAYER** *unmute*

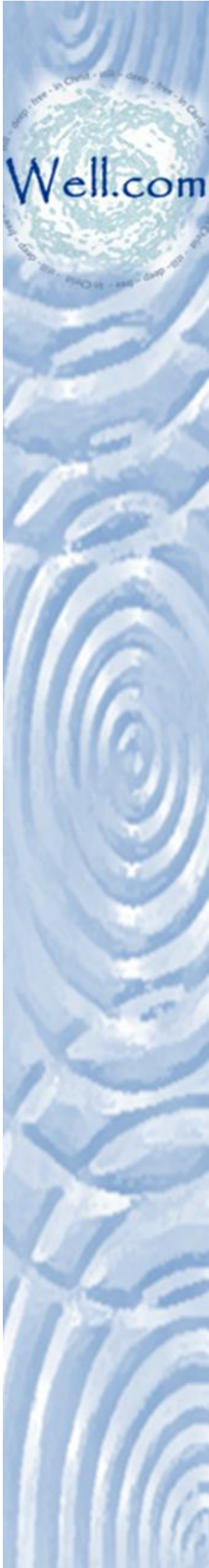
We join together in prayer:

**In the name of the Father  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

The Lord is here: **His Spirit is with us**

From the beginning the Word  
is whispering into dark nights and dull days.  
Birthing new life slowly, steadily.

As we move from winter to spring  
**God is with us**



The Word is made flesh  
speaking words of love in us and through us.

In the tingling of new life, in sap, in us  
**God is with us.**

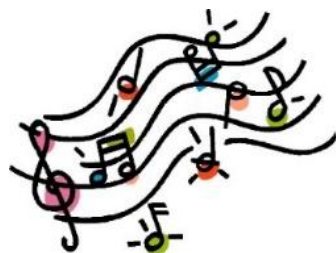
The Spirit is hovering  
over an expectant creation;  
readying for Spring.

In Nature's first signs of new life  
**God is with us**

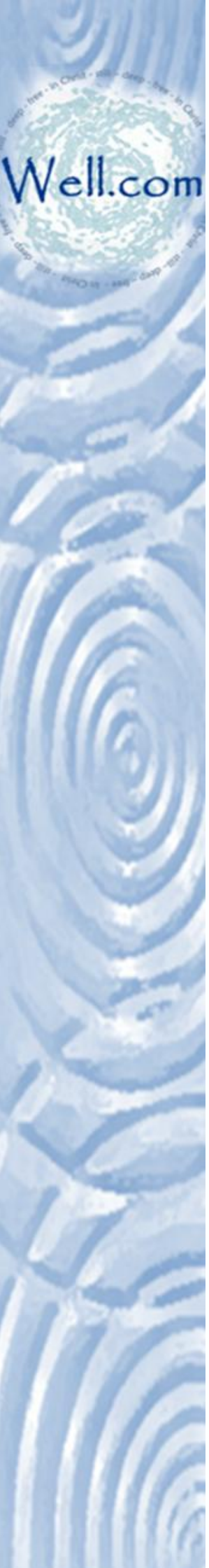
God is with us  
Always here.  
between winter and spring,  
darkness and light.  
Bringing change and new life

**Father, Son and Spirit,  
open us to each gentle movement  
of your new life in us  
AMEN**

*We mute*



**You O Lord are in this place**  
Keith Duke



## I COME – JUST AS I AM

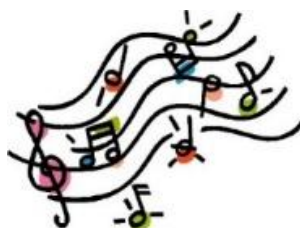
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Creator of the universe  
You spoke us into being  
You loved us so much  
you had to be with us.  
Word made flesh

Who am I that you  
would care for me?  
But you do.  
Care for me.

You made me.  
You know me.  
You see through me.  
I cannot hide.  
And I do not need to.

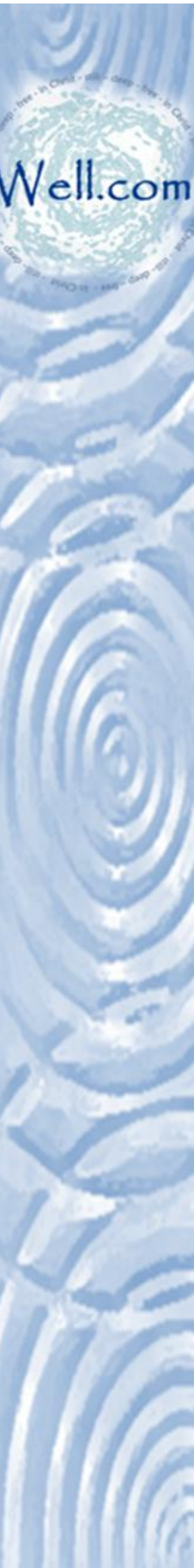
I notice how I am now.  
I ask for help to settle with you  
To feel the relief of honesty,  
To know you want me, here.  
Just as I am.



### **My Soul Lays Bare**

Luke Parker





## ROOTED IN GOD

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*Scripture compares us to trees: rooted, branching. For the ground of God that holds and feeds us, the air of God that draws us out to open and grow, we give you thanks, O Lord.*

### **It is good to give you thanks O Lord**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O most high,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night.

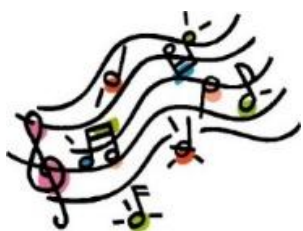
### **It is good to give you thanks O Lord**

The just will flourish like the palm tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar

### **It is good to give you thanks O Lord**

Planted in the house of the Lord,  
they will flourish in the courts of our God  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
so proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong

### **It is good to give you thanks O Lord**



## **The Breastplate of Patrick**

Sarah Hart

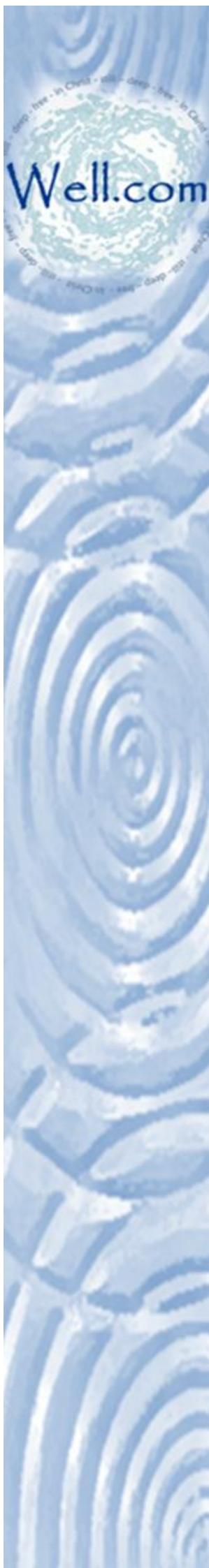
Sirach 27

<sup>21</sup> The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.



Luke 6

<sup>43</sup> Count on this: no good tree bears bad fruit, and no bad tree bears good fruit. <sup>44</sup> You can know a tree by the fruit it bears. You don't find figs on a thorn bush, and you can't pick grapes from a briar bush. <sup>45</sup> It's the same with people. A person full of goodness in his heart produces good things; a person with an evil reservoir in his heart pours out evil things. The heart overflows in the words a person speaks; your words reveal what's within your heart.



Crann solais is a term used for a noble person in Irish. The literal meaning is tree (crann) of light (solais).

Firmly rooted, well fed, connected to something bigger, standing tall, reaching out beyond itself into the light. Bearing fruit. Feeding others.



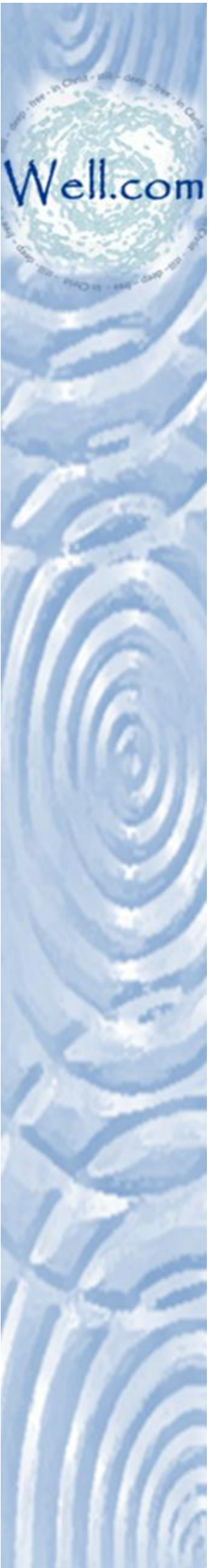
## **Breastplate**

Liam Lawton

Look at the people  
who share the screen with you.  
Let's pray for each other,  
as Jesus prays constantly with and for us: *unmute*

**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.  
Forgive us our trespasses.  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation.  
For yours is the kingdom the power and the glory  
For ever and ever.  
Amen**





## CLOSING PRAYER

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Open our eyes  
our ears, our tongues  
our hearts, our hands.  
Stir us up with wonder  
so that in all we do and think and say  
we might make your life giving streams  
real and visible in the wildernesses of our world.

But for now, let us rest,  
knowing that you continue  
your work in the night as we sleep.  
Let us rise refreshed  
to join you.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord: **AMEN**

**May we rest  
In the stillness of God  
May we find acceptance  
in the deep love of his Son  
and in our coming and our going  
may we experience  
the freedom of the Spirit  
day by day  
calling us to new life  
together in Christ  
AMEN**

We leave this time of prayer together **In the name of the  
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit AMEN**



**Sleepsong** Secret Garden

