

EVENING PRAYER 2

(based on Evening Prayer from the Wild Goose *A Wee Worship Book*)

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Breath of God,
breath of life,
breath of deepest yearning,
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Comforter,
Disturber,
Interpreter,
Enthusier,
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Heavenly Friend
Lamplighter,
Revealer of truth,
Midwife of change,
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

The Lord is here
God's Spirit is with us

Silence.

Prayer

Lord, teach us the silence of humility,
the silence of wisdom,
the silence of love,
the silence that speaks without words,
the silence of faith.
Lord teach us
to silence our own hearts and minds
that we may listen
for the movement of your Holy Spirit,
and feel your presence
in the depths of our being.

Silence

This is God's Word and it can be trusted.

A portion of scripture is read or

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after

the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

1 Kings 19: 11-13

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us.

Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.

The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

1 John 4: 7-21

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Silence

Let us keep silence before God, and through our minds and imaginations offer prayers which words might not contain.

Let us pray.

There is a time for every purpose under heaven.

A time for gratitude ...

Silence

Listen Lord, listen Lord, not to our words but to our prayer,
you alone, you alone understand and care.

A time for what we have to lay down ...

Silence

Listen Lord, listen Lord, not to our words but to our prayer,
you alone, you alone understand and care.

A time for what we have to pick up ...

Silence

Listen Lord, listen Lord, not to our words but to our prayer,
you alone, you alone understand and care.

A time for confronting what we are avoiding ...

Silence

Listen Lord, listen Lord, not to our words but to our prayer,
you alone, you alone understand and care.

A time for recognising what we hope for ...

Silence

In our time and in your time, God fulfil our prayers
and let your kingdom come. Amen.

Calming music or a song

Now may the Spirit of God
who brooded over the waters
and brought order out of chaos,
find a home in our hearts
and settle our minds as we sleep
and live to God's glory. Amen.