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## **CHRIST BE BESIDE ME**

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,

Christ be behind me, King of my heart.

Christ be within me, Christ be below me,

Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,

Christ all around me, shield in the strife.

Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,

Christ in my rising, light of my life.

### **Words of Welcome from PPC Chair.**

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

### **Influence**

Drop a pebble in the water, And its ripples reach out far;

And the sunbeams dancing on them, May reflect them to a star.

**Give a smile to someone passing, Thereby making their morning  
glad;**

**It may greet you in the evening, when your own heart may be sad.**

Do a deed of simple kindness; Though its end you may not see,

It may reach, like widening ripples, Down a long eternity.



## **Psalm**

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.

He makes me down to lie.

In pastures green, He leadeth me

The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again

And me to walk doth make.

Within the paths of righteousness,

E'en for His own name sake.

## **Gospel**

### **A reading from Matthew's Gospel.**

Jesus said, 'you are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on a lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of people, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven.

## **The Gospel of the Lord**

## **YOU HAVE A PART TO PLAY**

Each one of God's children Has a special part to play,  
Whether it be great or small, We are needed every day.

**If your part seems very small, Don't feel you're insignificant  
Don't feel that you can't offer much And you wouldn't make a  
difference.**

Though you're tempted to give up And let another take your place  
Remember, God gave you your gifts And you cannot be replaced

**And these gifts that God has given, He longs for you to share  
You're just as important as anyone, So don't be in despair.**

The only one who matters most is watching for your part,  
With much anticipation And excitement in His heart.

**So do not disappoint Him By not taking your cue,  
Though you think it unimportant This part is made for you.**

Don't let God walk away With a disappointed heart  
Because you felt so unworthy Of your very special part.

**The part that we've been given Isn't based on size at all,  
But rather on the abilities And the gifting of the Lord.**

For each part is important To make the whole thing work,  
So do your part with enthusiasm And know that you have worth.

## **Amazing grace!**

How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Help us, Lord, to see ourselves through your loving eyes.  
To see what you see in us and to come to realise that everything we  
possess comes directly from you.  
The gifts, the talents you've placed within are there for us to use.

We pray for our parish of St. Sylvester, Malahide, that all in our parish  
would know God's love in their lives,

**LORD HEAR US.**

That we may recognise and use our talents and gifts for the benefit of  
others and the glory of God,

**LORD HEAR US.**

For people who are in despair or have lost hope that they may come to  
recognise that God's love shines even in their darkness,

**LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for those who have died and we remember in a special way  
those who gave generously of their time and their talents to the  
building up of the parish down through the years. May they rest in  
peace,

**LORD HEAR US,**

For those who are sick at home, in hospital or in nursing homes and for those who care for the sick. May God's healing love comfort and strengthen them,

**LORD HEAR US.**

For all volunteers who generously give of their time and their talents to various organisations, charities and sporting groups and help make life better for all,

**LORD HEAR US.**

We pause in silence ....as we place our own personal prayers and intentions before the Lord .....

**LORD HEAR US.**

**Taken from the Prayer of Blessed John Henry Newman**

I am created to do something, Or to be something,  
for which no-one else was created.

**I have a place in God's world which no-one else has.**

**God knows me and calls me by name.**

God has created me to do him some definite service:

He has committed some work to me

Which he has not committed to another.

**I have my mission: I have a great part in his work.**

**I am a link in a chain, A bond of connection between persons.**

He has not created me for nothing. I shall do good;

I shall do his work. I will trust him.

### **Do More**

Do more than belong: **PARTICIPATE.**

Do more than care: **HELP.**

Do more than believe: **PRACTICE.**

Do more than be fair: **BE KIND.**

Do more than forgive: **FORGET.**

Do more than dream: **WORK**



**WE PRAY TOGETHER:**

**Spirit of the living God, Help me to be positive in everything I do,  
In everything I say, In everything I think and feel and imagine.**

**Where there is beauty, let me sing**

**Where there is goodness, let me praise**

**Where there is wisdom, let me listen**

**Where there is courage, let me affirm**

**Where there is wonder, let me be in awe**

**Where there is loneliness, may I be present**

**Where there is suffering, may I weep**

**Where there is wrong, may I speak out**

**Where there is possibility may I respond.**

**All praise to you, O God of infinite beauty and goodness**

**All praise to you, O God of infinite wisdom and wonder**

**All praise to you, O God**

**Your boundless compassion for us in Christ Jesus**

**Has made this life such a positive, hope-filled experience.**

**May we live each day with your spirit of grace and generosity.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer.**

**Final Blessing.**

## Final Hymn:

### HOW GREAT THOU ART HYMN

O' Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest Glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and see the brook and feel the gentle breeze

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*



