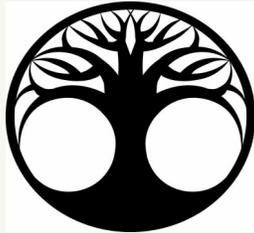




## What is Celtic Christian Spirituality?



THE TREE OF LIFE REPRESENTING THE UNITY OF THE THREE WORLDS: UNDERWORLD, LIFE ON EARTH, AND IN HEAVEN.

“Is there such a thing as Celtic Christian Spirituality? And if so, what is it?”

Answered: “yes” and one way I’ve heard it described: “One world, all sacred.” Celtic Christians understood that the whole of creation was sacred because

God created all and is in all creation.

When we think of characteristics of Celtic Christian Spirituality many themes come to mind:

- the immediacy of God; “thin places,” locations which are especially divine as the material and spiritual worlds come close to each other;
- the value of community and simple life;
- hospitality and welcome;
- a closeness to and regard for the natural world.

Modern Celtic Christians have adopted traditions and practices of the early saints to make their own communities and worship life more meaningful through prayer, silent meditation, and connecting with nature.

Many meet a “soul friend” (*anam cara*) to grow spiritually.

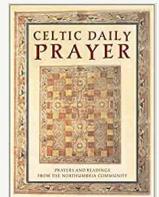
Life becomes a journey in which God is always present.

⇒ A short discussion of Celtic Spirituality can be found at:

[www.thecelticcenter.org/what-is-celtic-spirituality](http://www.thecelticcenter.org/what-is-celtic-spirituality)

### SPECIAL TOPIC: MODERN CELTIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

The Northumbria Community is a dispersed, worldwide, network Christian Community, committed to a new way of living, a modern monasticism. They offer many online activities and are famous for their **Celtic Daily Prayer** book.



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*“May the love and protection St. Patrick can give you be yours in abundance as long as you live.”*

## St. Patrick’s Day: Wednesday March 17, 2021

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (especially the Church of Ireland), the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general.

Patrick was most likely from the kingdom of



Rhedgedd and was the son of a church deacon and the grandson of a Christian priest. In his teens he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and sold into slavery in Ireland. Tending livestock in the wild Patrick was given to divine dreams, one

of which led him to escape his captors. His escape route led him back to England where he was ordained as a Christian priest.

Following further dreams he travelled to Gaul (now France). However, God called Patrick back to Ireland where he began his missionary work.

Following the Spirit led Patrick through challenging and dangerous times. His life teaches us to let go of control and allow the Spirit to guide us.



### MODERN CELTIC MUSICIANS...

...like Dougie Maclean reflect many aspects of what we think of as traditional Celtic Spirituality. For instance his song “Stepping Stones” reflects on a simple, rural childhood and our ties to our ancestors.



A recording is at this link:

<https://vimeo.com/74829463>