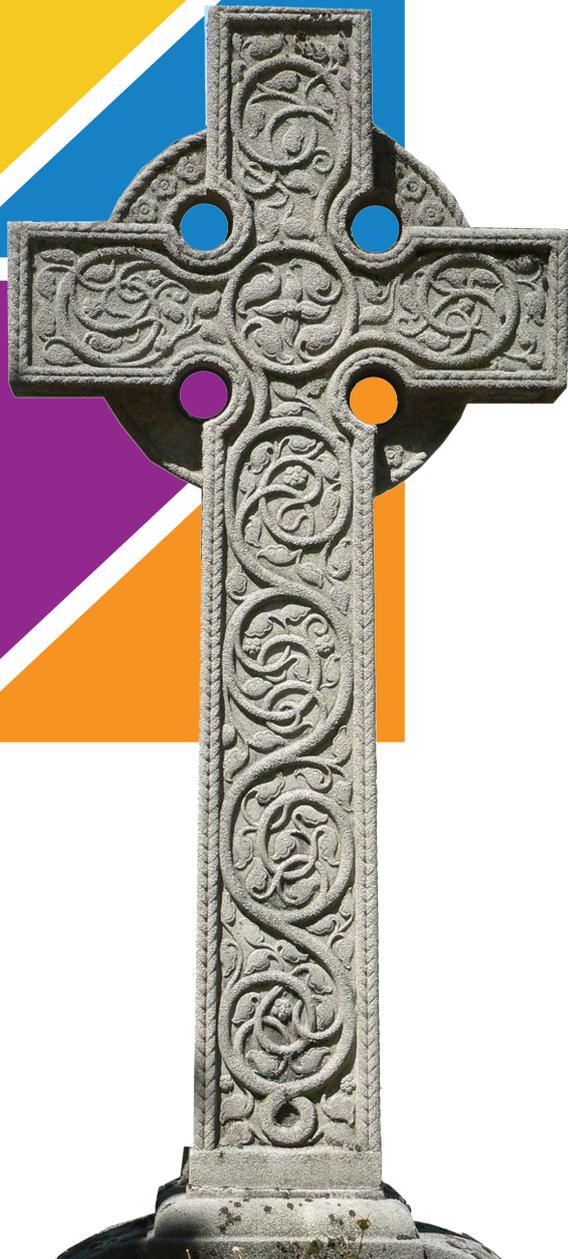




# Celebrating **St Patrick's** **Radiant** **Faith**

**AN ALL AGE  
FAMILY SERVICE**



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# BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This all age service has been prepared by the Church of Ireland Council for Mission.

## PREPARATION

- Explore a bit of background information on St Patrick – please find some notes about St Patrick below to help you get started.
- Print off the 5 Marks of Mission posters in this pack. There are details of what each symbol represents and related actions that can be used with the congregation on the reverse side of each poster.
- 5 volunteers are needed to hold up the 5 Marks of Mission Posters and to demonstrate and lead the related actions. Give time to learn the actions to make the service more interactive.
- 5 volunteers are needed to lead the prayers of thanksgiving and intercession linked to the life of St Patrick and the 5 Marks of Mission.
- Volunteers are needed for the readings and other prayers during the service.
- Prayer stations can be prepared in advance for this service. Please see the links to sample prayer stations in this pack.

## THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION ARE:



**To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom**



**To teach, baptise and nurture new believers**



**To respond to human need by loving service**



**To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation**



**To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LIFE OF SAINT PATRICK

*(See page 13 for an interactive Truth or Myth Activity about St Patrick.)*

Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. St Patrick's Day is **March 17**.

St Patrick is traditionally associated with the Shamrock, which he used to explain the concept of the Trinity.

St Patrick's value doesn't really come from the historical details but from the inspiration of a man who returned to the country where he had been a child slave, in order to bring the message of Christ.

## FACTS IN BRIEF

- St Patrick really existed, born in 387 AD either in Kilpatrick, Scotland, or at Banwen in Wales.
- Patrick was taken to Ireland as a slave at age 16.
- Patrick escaped after 6 years in slavery.
- Patrick became a Christian priest, and later a Bishop.
- He then returned to Ireland as a missionary.
- Patrick played a major part in converting the Irish to Christianity.
- Some of his writings survive: the Confessio, St Patrick's Breastplate prayer and the Letter to Coroticus.

## FURTHER INFORMATION:

- Patrick's original name was Maewyn Succat; he became Patrick when he became a bishop
- He studied in France at the monastery of St Martin's in Tours
- Patrick went to Ireland in 432 AD
- He died either in 461 AD, or 493 AD (unlikely)
- St Patrick is buried in the grounds of Down Cathedral Co Down
- In 1737, the Feast of Saint Patrick was first celebrated in the United States by Irish immigrants. By 1762, New York City held the first official parade and, through time, it's become one of the world's largest St. Patrick's Day parades.
- Since 1962, the Chicago River is dyed Kelly green during the celebration. Forty tons of dye is dumped into the river which changes colour for four to five hours.



## USEFUL LINKS:

**Radiant Faith:** Living out the Five Marks of Mission:  
[www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/521/radiant-faith-living-out-the](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/521/radiant-faith-living-out-the)

For **prayer station** ideas see: [www.prayerspacesinschools.com](http://www.prayerspacesinschools.com)

For **interactive drama** on the life of St Patrick and other scripts see:  
[www.playitbydrama.com](http://www.playitbydrama.com)

For good information on **St Patrick's life:**  
[www.awesomestories.com/asset/view/St.-Patrick-of-St.-Patrick-s-Day](http://www.awesomestories.com/asset/view/St.-Patrick-of-St.-Patrick-s-Day)

# CELEBRATING ST PATRICK'S RADIANT FAITH

## Recommended Selection of Prayers

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty Father,  
you have built up your Church  
through the love and devotion of your saints:  
inspire us to follow the example of Patrick,  
whom we commemorate today,  
that we in our generation may rejoice with him  
in the vision of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Here is a gaping sore, Lord:

Half the world diets,  
the other half hungers;

Half the world is housed,  
the other half homeless;

Half the world pursues profit,  
the other half senses loss.

Redeem our souls,  
Redeem our peoples,

Redeem our times. **Amen**



## RESPONSIVE PRAYERS

*The 2 sides of the congregation read the separate parts:*

Blessed are the poor, **for theirs is the Kingdom of God.**

Blessed are the hungry, **for they shall be filled.**

Blessed are the meek, **for they shall inherit the earth.**

Blessed are the pure in heart, **for they shall see God.**

Blessed are those who mourn, **for they shall be comforted.**

Blessed are the merciful, **for they shall be shown mercy.**

Blessed are the peacemakers, **for they are the children of God.**

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness and justice,  
**for great is their reward. Amen**

## COLLECT FOR ST PATRICK'S DAY

Almighty God,  
who in your providence chose your servant Patrick  
to be the apostle of the Irish people,  
to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error  
to the true light and knowledge of you:  
Grant us so to walk in that light,  
that we may come at last to the light of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and ever. **Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for **ever.**  
**Amen**



## GIVING THANKS/INTERCESSIONS (LINKED TO THE 5 MARKS)

Include prayers for projects and places you are linked with at home and abroad.



### **TELL** – ST PATRICK CAME TO IRELAND TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.

Thank you Father for sending your Son to die on the cross in our place, so that we can draw near to him. In the cross you have revealed to us your unfathomable love, mercy and forgiveness. Help us to follow the obedience of your Son by taking up our cross, so we may become ambassadors of your sacrificial and reconciling love in the world, in Jesus' name. God of Mission, **hear our prayers.**



### **TEACH** – ST PATRICK TAUGHT THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND ABOUT THE GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON AND GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Thank you for those who faithfully teach others about you in churches, theological colleges and communities across the world today. We pray for those teaching in challenging circumstances – places where there is conflict, hunger or persecution. We ask you for safety for Bible teachers and those who want to learn. God of Mission, **hear our prayers.**



### **TEND** – ST PATRICK LEFT HIS FAMILY AND COUNTRY TO FOLLOW GOD'S CALL TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.

Lord Jesus, help us not to see things through economic lenses, but the way you do. We are amazed at the price you paid and how valuable that makes us. Give us your heart for people and to value everyone you put across our path. May we find ways to serve others in our daily lives; God of Mission, **hear our prayers.**



### **TRANSFORM** – ST PATRICK WAS CAPTURED AND TRAFFICKED TO IRELAND AS A SLAVE.

Almighty God, please give us opportunities to challenge ourselves about the issue of human trafficking and modern day slavery. Move us to act for those who are victims of this dreadful crime. Prompt us to make changes, and speak up, where we need to so that the way we live doesn't harm other people. Let our hearts be stirred about this issue. God of Mission, **hear our prayers.**



### **TREASURE** – ST PATRICK WAS A SHEPHERD AND TAUGHT PEOPLE ABOUT GOD USING NATURE – TRADITION TELLS US THAT HE USED THE TINY SHAMROCK TO TEACH PEOPLE ABOUT THE TRINITY.

Creator God, thank you for the beauty of the earth you created. Thank you that many nations including our own have recognised their responsibility towards climate change. We recognise that it is often the poorest of our world that suffer most from the effects of climate change. We pray that our government will urgently implement policies to reduce emissions and help people adapt to the problem. We ask you to help us find ways to live more sustainable lives. God of Mission, **hear our prayers.**

## **COMMITMENT & SENDING**

*Leader and congregation echo*

Christ be with me, **Christ be with me,**  
Christ within me, **Christ within me,**  
Christ behind me, **Christ behind me**  
Christ before me, **Christ before me,**  
Christ beside me, **Christ beside me,**  
Christ to comfort and restore me, **Christ to comfort and restore me,**  
Christ to win me, **Christ to win me,**  
Christ beneath me, **Christ beneath me,**  
Christ above me, **Christ above me,**  
Christ in quiet and in danger, **Christ in quiet and in danger,**  
Christ in hearts of all that love me, **Christ in hearts of all that love me,**  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. **Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

**Thank you God that you are with us wherever we are and wherever we go.  
Send us now like you sent St Patrick with the desire to open the doors of  
our life to you and to bring your blessing to others, in name of your Son  
Jesus. Amen.**

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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# THE RADIANT FAITH OF ST PATRICK - SYMBOLS AND ACTIONS - TALK 1

## INTRODUCTION:

St Patrick, as we now know him, lived a fascinating life. It probably didn't seem fascinating to him at times, like when he was tending sheep on the side of a mountain as a slave for 6 years, wondering what would become of him. But we have the benefit of 20:20 vision and in hindsight we can see that God was with him and was even using that desolate time to shape him for His glory.

Where are you at today? On this day when buildings are lit green and rivers are dyed green and faces are painted green? Are you in a rut? Are you lonely? Do you feel you're not where you are meant to be? Or are you flying high? (for some, they get a day off work/school so they may be in great form!) Wherever you are at, stop now and ask yourself, am I aware of God's presence with me and am I willing for that Presence, that Love to shape me, no matter what my circumstances?

(Every time you say the word 5, hold up 5 fingers and invite the congregation to do this same.)

Today in the Anglican Tradition we have the **5** Marks of Mission. It is a gift we have given to the wider Church as many traditions have used the **5** Marks to gain fresh understanding of what Mission is. But often, we're a bit shaky on the **5** Marks ourselves! So today we are going to explore them in relation to Patrick's life. He didn't have access to them, but his faith was so radiant and so mission focused that he exhibits the **5** Marks of Mission in how he lived.

So here they are:

*(The Five Marks of Mission Symbols should be printed out and held up [you can attach them to large lollipop sticks and back with card.] This is especially useful if you want volunteers to read out a sentence about St Patrick on the back of the symbol that relates to the Mark of Mission they are holding up.)*



**TELL** - proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.



**TEACH** - teach, baptise and nurture new believers.



**TEND** - respond to human need by loving service.



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**TREASURE** - strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of earth.

To help us remember them, we're going to learn an action or a sound to go with each Mark.



**TELL** - Cup your hands around your mouth and make a trumpet sound



**TEACH** - Mime opening a book



**TEND** - Hold hands



**TRANSFORM** - Mime breaking chains (2 fists side by side, bent downwards)



**TREASURE** - Use your 3 middle fingers to make the shape of a W. Put one hand on either side of your mouth and make an 'O' shape with your mouth. The result is the word 'WOW'. People sign and say WOW for the 5th Mark.



Recap all, reading aloud and signing/miming/making sounds.  
Recap again, only pointing at the symbols.

Great Job! Now! Patrick didn't live these in order of appearance so we'll explore his life in sequence but the Marks of Mission will be out of sequence. See if you can keep up!



**Mark 4: TRANSFORM Unjust Structures** (Show the Symbol, do the Action) God has created us for relationship. With him, with each other and with creation. When these connections get broken or distorted, many injustices take place. In the life of Patrick, this lack of connection, saw raiders snatch him as a 16-year-old boy and trafficked him overseas to become a slave, tending livestock on the side of a mountain. For many people around the world today, 37 million of whom are slaves, many more of whom are trafficked or exploited for labour, the effects of our disconnect from God, from each other and from creation is all too evident. They do not flourish, they do not even live, they simply survive. Patrick's experience of being a slave does not exist only in the past.

Take a minute to think about something in your life that holds you back - maybe fear, maybe a lack of confidence. Talk to God about it and then symbolically break it (do the action) over your life. When we are free, we are better equipped to serve others, although always remember that God can use us, no matter where we are at.



**Mark 2: TEACH** (Do the Action) This Mark of Mission is not about conversion, it's about our lifelong journey of faith. It would be easy to focus on Patrick's ministry, later in his life, when he was discipling small groups who he had already baptized, building them up in faith so they could lead in their own communities, but this Mark of Mission begins with his own story. Because in the mountains with no one to talk to, no one to lean on for support, Patrick's faith in God became his anchor. In the silence, he began to pray as a continuous conversation with God.

This new connection, this new level of discipleship and desire to listen to God's voice, meant that he followed God's voice to freedom. The symbol of this Mark is a Book, but for Patrick it was a wilderness. **(Mime opening a book but then keep moving your hands away from each other as a sign of the wilderness.)** If you are in a desolate place, will you invite God to fill it? If you are in a busy, manic place, will you make space for God and for being nurtured by Him, making it as much of a priority as eating or dressing each day?



**Mark 3: TEND** (Show Symbol & Hold Hands) Respond in Loving Service.

Perhaps even more remarkable than Patrick's story of slavery and escape, is the story that follows. His decision to train in ministry and then to faithfully follow the call to return to the land where he had been held captive and to lovingly share the Gospel with the people is almost unbelievable. This letter, written by Patrick, shows the extent of his love and service:

Letter to the soldiers of Coroticus:

*I declare that I, Patrick, - an unlearned sinner indeed - have been established a bishop in Ireland. I hold quite certainly that what I am, I have accepted from God. I live as an alien among non-Roman peoples, an exile on account of the love of God - he is my witness that this is so. It is not that I would choose to let anything so blunt and harsh come from my mouth, but I am driven by the zeal for God. And the truth of Christ stimulates me, for love of neighbours and children: for these, I have given up my homeland and my parents, and my very life to death, if I am worthy of that. I live for my God, to teach these peoples, even if I am despised by some.*

What is our response to those we deem deserving, and those we deem undeserving of our Love?



**Mark 1: TELL** (Show the Symbol/Make the Sound) Proclaim the Good News.

Because of his understanding of the culture, his fluency in the language and his understanding of the religious practices, although he was met with resistance, Patrick was able to use recognized symbols and messages to share God with people in a way that they would understand.

Added to this, there was no proper road structures, making his journeys to reach the people of Ireland very precarious indeed. Yet Patrick persevered and preached daily the Kingdom of Heaven and baptized those who accepted the Gospel. What does this teach us? It takes a firm belief that you have Good News to share, persistence in the face of adversity and a willingness to listen and to learn to really share your life and faith with someone else.



**Mark 5: TREASURE** (Symbol & WOW) Safeguard creation. After his years on the mountain, Patrick was aware of how creation contained and displayed the Glory and Wonder of God and was his marvellous handiwork. He used it not only to connect with God but to share God with others. His most famous teaching - using the shamrock to explain the mystery of the Trinity. Often children remind us to stop and take in the wonder of creation - they can be fascinated by a leaf floating across a muddy puddle whilst adults are just fixated on no one stepping in that muddle puddle!

How can we reconnect with the WOW factor of God's creation today - with the Green that is so celebrated, with the glory of his creation?

Let us finish by praying over the Five Marks of Mission, that we may be inspired by Patrick's Radiant Faith, and may manifest God's heart for Him, for ourselves, for others and for creation, in our own lives today and throughout the rest of this week.



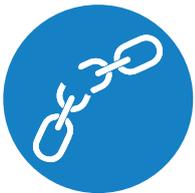
**TELL** - proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom. Lord prompt us to listen, prompt us to learn, prompt us to speak so that your Kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven.



**TEACH** - teach, baptise and nurture new believers. Lord, whether we are in a barren land or a place of flourishing, may we see spending time with you and growing in your love as important as remembering to breathe, to dress, to eat.



**TEND** - respond to human need by loving service. Lord, this week prompt me to slow down and think of others. To really see those who are around me, and to be mindful of their needs. Let my response be prayerful and practical.



**TRANSFORM** - transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation. Lord you came to break the chains that bind us. You came so that we could be free. Help us to be more mindful of those in literal chains. Help us to lift our heads and learn about the injustices in the wider world. Help us to care. Give us your heart for those who are broken and oppressed. Give us a way to respond.



**TREASURE** - strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of earth. Lord, your glory shines from all you have created. May we always be thankful for everything that you have made. May we look with fresh eyes at the wonder and the awe of your creation.

AMEN

# THE RADIANT FAITH OF ST PATRICK: WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL AND SILAS - TALK 2

Does anyone know why this Sunday is a special day in our Christian calendar?

*Let Congregation respond.* It's St Patrick's Day, the Patron Saint of Ireland, it's the first time it has fallen on a Sunday since 2013 and won't fall on a Sunday again until 2024.

So much about what we know of St Patrick is based on legend or myth that we can't even be sure when and where he was born, but we do know that he was a man of God and lived his life to serve God for the people of Ireland as a missionary, minister and Bishop.

## Let's play a game of **Myth or Legend** or **Fact or Truth?**

I'm going to tell you a few statements and I'd like you to either do one of two actions:

If you think it is a **Myth or Legend** - use your hands to make an **'M'** on top of your head e.g., like the **'M'** in YMCA action song.

If you think it is a **Fact or Truth** - place your hands in the shape of a **'T'** in front of you level with your face. *Practise the two actions with the congregation.*

Read out the statements and ask the congregation for their ideas and then clarify.

1. Patrick's real name was Maewyn Succat? - **'T' this was the name he was given at birth and then later changed to Patricius (meaning "Father of the Citizens") and then to Patrick.**
2. Patrick came from Wales? **'M' we do not know precisely where Patrick lived, some scholars say England, others Scotland and some even say France!**
3. Patrick was taken to Ireland by Irish raiders and sold as a slave? **'T' he was sold to a wealthy landowner as a slave, who made him work hard for 6 years until he escaped.**
4. Patrick looked after pigs on the Mourne Mountains? **'M' he looked after sheep on Slemish mountain in County Antrim in the North of Ireland, apparently. We cannot be sure of the exact location.**
5. Patrick was 12 years old when he was taken from his home? **'M' he was 16 years old.**
6. God spoke to Patrick through visions and dreams? **'T' Patrick spent many hours praying and seeking God's counsel, especially when he was a shepherd and was alone on the hills, turning to God, for support and solace, he became a devout Christian then. He asked God's advice for every part of his life.**
7. Patrick escaped from Ireland on a pirate boat? **'M' Patrick escaped on a trade ship back home.**

8. Back home Patrick studied about God and, in a dream, he heard the call to go back to Ireland. A man in the dream carried a bundle of letters from the Irish people asking Patrick to come back and tell them about God. **'T' Patrick had a vision of a man called Victoricus coming from Ireland with innumerable letters from the Irish people inviting him back.**
9. Patrick came back to Ireland to convert pagan Ireland to Christianity. **'T' Ireland was mostly a pagan country where Druids - priests - believed and worshipped other gods, like the sun god and nature.**
10. Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland? **'M' scientists dispute the claim there were snakes in Ireland and historians believe the story is allegorical, meaning the word 'snakes' related to the word 'Druids', therefore chasing the 'Druids' out of Ireland!**
11. Patrick used the shamrock to teach about the Trinity - God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit? **'T' he used the shamrock as it was an illustration from nature of how God is three in one, a visual teaching from a plant that was growing in Ireland and known to everyone.**

I'm sure you are surprised to realise how much you knew or thought you knew about St Patrick!

St Patrick plays an important part in our Christian heritage of our Christian faith here in Ireland. He wanted to be a missionary, an apostle to spread the word of God's love and grace to the Irish.

Patrick's faith was radiant, he wanted to take the message of Christ to those around him, in all circumstances and in all places. Patrick prayed, studied the Bible and educated himself on the Christian faith, but most of all Patrick listened to God. Patrick prayed up to 100 times a day to God and waited and listened patiently for God to lead and direct his life.

Do we do that?

Do we spend time with God?

Patrick's story is 'Good News' and we as Christian people are commissioned to tell the Good News of Jesus. In the great Commission in Matthew 28:16-20 we are told to *"...go and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."*

God's mission is our mission and as the church of Christ we are called to partner with Him and share the Good News. In doing so, we commit ourselves to God's mission as expressed in the five Marks of Mission, which the Anglican Communion, including the Church of Ireland, commits itself to.

To: *(Can have these on cards ready to hold up, the 5 Marks of Mission)*



**TELL** - proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.



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**Patrick's life demonstrates and illustrates the 5 Marks of Mission for us as he . . .**



**TELLS:** Patrick came to Ireland to tell people about the love of God in Christ Jesus.



**TEACHES:** Patrick taught the people of Ireland about God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.



**TENDS:** Patrick left his family and country to follow God's call to serve the people of Ireland.



**TRANSFORMS:** Patrick was captured and trafficked to Ireland as a slave. "He was the first human being in the history of the world to speak unequivocally against slavery" (Thomas Cahill in his book 'How the Irish saved Civilization').



**TREASURES:** Patrick was a shepherd and taught people about God using nature - tradition tells us that he used the tiny shamrock to teach people about the Trinity.

In our reading, today from Acts we read about two men who also had an amazing radiant faith that transformed the people and the places they journeyed to - Paul and Silas.

Paul and Silas travelled extensively to share the Good News of Jesus, but ended up on the wrong side of the authorities and were thrown into jail. They didn't succumb to fear and, while in prison, praised God because they knew they were not abandoned. As they praised God, they were freed - their chains literally fell away. And because of their praise and witness, the prison jailer and his entire family came to know Jesus as their Saviour.

Paul and Silas' story speaks of the power that our witness in tough times can have. The witness of our persecuted brothers and sisters is incredibly powerful, as is ours when we can praise God in hard times.

Paul and Silas' faith was radiant - they wanted to take the message of Christ to those around them, in all circumstances and in all places.

Paul and Silas prayed, Paul and Silas knew and educated themselves on the Christian message, but most of all Paul and Silas listened to God.

Paul and Silas prayed and sang to God and waited patiently for God to respond . . . and He did, by breaking their chains and setting them free. But more importantly by witnessing to others and bringing the jailer and his entire family to believe in God.

Do we do that?

Do we spend time with God?

Do we witness to others and bring them to know God?

Paul and Silas' story is 'Good News' and we as Christians are commissioned to tell the Good News of Jesus. Just as Jesus proclaimed in Luke 4, that he came to set the captives free we are called to do likewise.

### **Luke 4:18:**

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free."

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### **Can you remember the 5 Marks of Mission?**

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Paul and Silas' lives demonstrate and illustrate the 5 Marks of Mission for us as they:



**TELL:** Paul and Silas share the Good news of Jesus to everyone they meet.



**TEACH:** Paul and Silas teach the jailer and his family about Jesus and knowing God in their lives.



**TEND:** Paul and Silas left their families and friends to follow God's call to serve the people of the Roman colony of Macedonia.



**TRANSFORM:** Paul and Silas were captured and beaten and thrown in jail and transformed the lives of the jailer and his family with the Good News of Jesus.



**TREASURE:** Paul and Silas lived frugally as they travelled from town to town using and asking for only the basic necessities.

So, let us start on our journey today to show God's radiant faith to others we meet and let our own faith become central to our lives in all that we say and do. Let the example of Paul and Silas and the example of our own patron Saint, St Patrick, **teach** us, **transform** us and **tend** us so that we can **transform** and **treasure** all that God has given us. Let us pray.

# PRAYER SPACE IDEAS

## **CARDBOARD HOME (STREET CHILDREN AFRICA)**

[www.prayerspacesinschools.com/resources/11](http://www.prayerspacesinschools.com/resources/11)

## **CLIMATE - RISING SEAS (CHRISTIAN AID)**

[www.prayerspacesinschools.com/resources/122](http://www.prayerspacesinschools.com/resources/122)  
[www.prayerspacesinschools.com](http://www.prayerspacesinschools.com)

## **CREATION CARE PRAYER STATIONS**

[www.thesanctuarycentre.org/resources/prayer-stations-kinnecting-with-God-and-creation-care.pdf](http://www.thesanctuarycentre.org/resources/prayer-stations-kinnecting-with-God-and-creation-care.pdf)

## **PRAYING FOR REFUGEES (TEARFUND)**

[www.tearfund.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/SS-CHILDRENS-RESOURCES-1.pdf](http://www.tearfund.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/SS-CHILDRENS-RESOURCES-1.pdf)



# PRINTABLE SYMBOLS

The Five Marks of Mission Symbols should be printed out and held up (you can attach them to large lollipop sticks and back with card). This is especially useful if you want volunteers to read out a sentence about St Patrick on the back of the symbol that relates to the Mark of Mission they are holding up.

**Print pages 19 - 28 double-sided (or single-sided and then stick together) for all five symbols and the corresponding sentence on the back.**



**TELL**



# TELL

St Patrick came to Ireland to tell people about the love of God in Christ Jesus.



# TEACH



# TEACH

St Patrick taught the people of Ireland about the God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.



**TEND**



# TEND

St Patrick left his family and country to follow God's call to serve the people of Ireland.



# TRANSFORM



# TRANSFORM

St Patrick was captured and trafficked to Ireland as a slave.



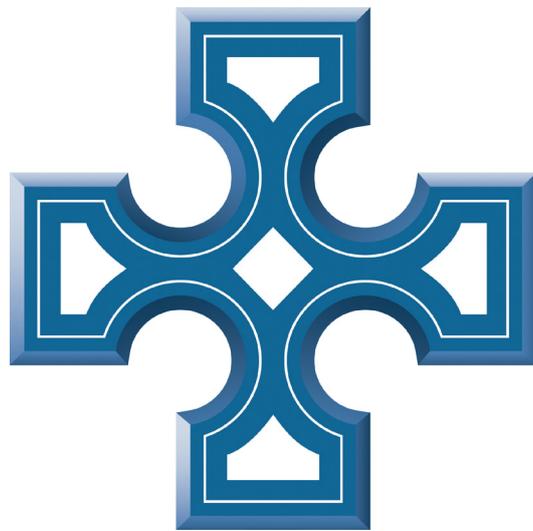
# TREASURE



# TREASURE

St Patrick was a shepherd and taught people about God using nature - tradition tells us that he used the tiny shamrock to teach people about the Trinity.





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