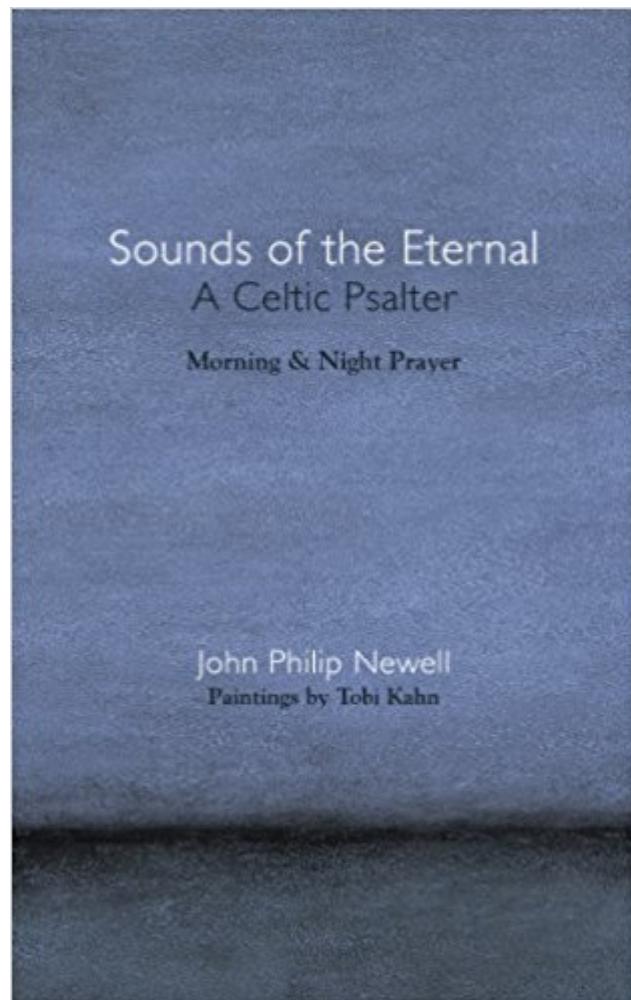


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Sounds Of The Eternal: A Celtic Psalter



Synopsis

This illustrated prayer companion provides morning and evening prayer outlines for every day of the week. It is based on the theme of what it means to be made in God's image, with each day focusing on a different aspect of God's nature.

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Customer Reviews

This lovely book offers a cycle of morning and evening prayers which are not specifically Christian and which, therefore, could be used by Jews, Unitarian Universalists, or non-affiliated persons, as well as Christians. The imagery of the words is oriented to the grandeur of creation and the illustrations come from Jewish and Celtic manuscripts. The book is well-constructed, which is important for a book that is meant to be used on a daily basis.

J. Philip Newell is a well-respected sage of Celtic Christianity, which has enjoyed a deserved revival in the past two decades because of the beauty of its language and its vivid imagery. In "Sounds of the Eternal: A Celtic Psalter," Newell has drawn inspiration from the oldest hymnbook of the Judeo-Christian tradition, the Psalms, and combined them with images and rhythms of Celtic spirituality. The resulting prayerbook can bring refreshing streams to any soul traversing a spiritual desert. This reviewer found the book to be best used when its prayers are prayed aloud in solitude, to give the magnificent language an opportunity to be heard by heart as well as mind. Added to the language are rich illustrations, which combine the Psalms' Hebrew history with the vivid jewel tones

of Celtic art, creating designs that serve a nearly-iconic purpose for meditation. Newell's book is a worthy addition to anyone's library of spiritual resources

This is a book I NEVER grow weary of! I use it for my morning and night prayer EVERY day! New personalized thoughts emerge everyday.

Don't know of a parallel. Initially given to us by a retired pastor friend to read, we quickly ordered a copy for our home. Interestingly my wife takes it to read to her mother in assisted living, who, in turn, treasures its spiritual wisdom. A good book to take along on trips, just to carry with when you want something to reflect on - steep yourself in when otherwise stuck in the (essentially vacuous) world.

This psalter has become my companion each morning these past months of summer as I pray and get ready for the day. I love to work in my garden, so this morning I prayed the Thursday morning prayer and started to hum the accompanying chant from the CD. I spent an hour working in my yard, praying the chant (all of the chants are directly from scripture) and hearing the beautiful simplicity in my head. I drove my teen to an event, and on the way back, I listened to the CD in the car. This book and CD have blessed me at a time when I have needed careful discernment. Most excellent work. I've ordered another book by Newell and accompanying CD as well as the chant/chord book for use in my church. If you like Taize and Iona, you will love this, too.

It is only with Art that the oneness of Celtic Spirituality can be expressed. Through poetry and painting John Philip Newell, poet, and Tobi Kahn, painter in the structure of morning and evening prayers reminds us of who we are in body, mind and spirit, in our universe.

I was purchasing a couple of books on Celtic spirituality and came across this one. I only bought it on a whim but am glad that I did. The daily morning and evening prayers are beautiful - full, of course, of references to the world around us, the beauty of nature, and lines and phrases that touch my heart. Anyone interested at all in Celtic spirituality will find this small book to be a wonderful addition to their daily prayers.

This is the most beautifully written prayer book that I've read. I now use it as my morning and evening prayer book. Its language is exquisite and the sentiments are deep and soulful. I can't recommend it enough.

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