

March, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Gilead Bible Church,

This morning I looked at one of the pictures that Annie sent me of some of you when I visited you last month. It brought back fond memories of the wonderful time that I had renewing and developing our fellowship with almost all of you. I truly treasured every moment, and Helen and I look forward to time when we can be face-to-face in fellowship and ministry. We thank God for your faithful prayers that brought about the signing of the contract for the sale of our house. Please pray for the long process that is ahead of us, leading to the closing on our house in the days to come.



As I thought of you and the journey that Gilead Bible Church traveled through the years, I recall the journey of St. Patrick. St. Patrick was a British missionary bishop to Ireland and was the first to evangelize that country. At sixteen, he was abducted by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland, where he tended sheep and prayed for six years. "The love of God and His fear came to me more and more, and my faith was strengthened." A voice came to Patrick, promising him a return to his own country. He was given passage on a ship by its sailors. The details of his voyage home are unclear. He also may have resumed his education, although he was never learned. "I blush and fear exceedingly to reveal my lack of education; for I am unable to tell my story to those versed in the art of concise writing." Patrick was elected a bishop to evangelize Ireland. His friends tried to dissuade him from "throwing himself into danger among enemies who have no knowledge of God." But Patrick believed that he had a divine call. As a missionary bishop in Ireland, Patrick recorded that he baptized many thousands of people. Criticism of Patrick's work came to him from Britain. His seniors, he records, "brought up sins against my laborious episcopate."¹ Each year St. Patrick is remembered on March 17 on St. Patrick's Day.

St. Patrick wrote the following tribute as a testimony of his life and ministry. I trust that it will be an encouragement to all of us in our journey as Gilead Bible Church.

God Bless,

Pastor David and Helen Moy

¹ <http://www.bookrags.com/biography/patrick-st/>

親愛的基列聖經教會主內兄弟姐妹：

今天早上，我看著Annie寄給我在上一個月探訪你們時拍攝的照片。它帶給我美好的回憶，就是與你們重溫和建立友誼那一段快樂的時光。我真的很珍惜著每一刻。Helen和我都期待著將快可以與你們一起團契和事奉神。感謝神，因著你們信心的禱告而帶來我們出售房子的購買簽訂合同。請繼續為我們面前漫長的售買過程而禱告，直至我們的房子最後成交的日子來到。

當我想念你們和基列聖經教會在多年來所經歷的，我便回想起聖帕特里(St. Patrick)的經歷。聖帕特里是一位英國宣教士，也是第一位到愛爾蘭傳福音的修士。他在十六歲的時候被愛爾蘭海盜綁架到愛爾蘭去，六年長在那裡牧羊和祈禱。他感受到“上帝的愛和敬畏越來越接近我，而我的信心也得到加強。”神的聲音傳到帕特里，並應許他將會回到自己的國家。他得到船上的水手許可而得到通行返回英國。但他對回家的前途還不明確。他從來沒有受過教育，或許要重新開始他的教育。“我害羞和極度害怕表露出教育的缺乏，因為我無法用那些精而簡潔的文筆告訴人關於我的故事。”後來，帕特里被按立為主教並受差派到愛爾蘭傳福音。他的朋友們試圖勸阻他離開那“些不認識神的危險敵人。”但帕特里卻相信他是有神聖的呼召。在愛爾蘭作主教的時候，帕特里記載他曾為數千的人施行浸禮。他還記載提及他在英國的上司對他工作的批評：“對我艱苦努力的主教職位竟提出問罪。”現今，在每年的3月17日，聖帕特里節就是記念帕特里的日子。

帕特里寫下了他生命和事奉的見證(請參看英文信)。我相信，這對於我們在基列聖經教會歷程中是一個好鼓勵。

願神祝福你們，

梅建邦牧師和師母
2011年三月份



I Arise Today ²

*I arise today
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the
Trinity,
Through the belief in the threeness,
Through confession of the oneness
Of the Creator of Creation.*

*I arise today
Through the strength of Christ's birth with his
baptism,
Through the strength of his crucifixion with his
burial,
Through the strength of his resurrection with his
ascension,
Through the strength of his descent for the
judgment of Doom.*

*I arise today
Through the strength of the love of Cherubim,
In obedience of angels,
In the service of archangels,
In hope of resurrection to meet with reward,
In prayers of patriarchs,
In predictions of prophets,
In preaching of apostles,
In faith of confessors,
In innocence of holy virgins,
In deeds of righteous men.*

*I arise today
Through the strength of heaven:
Light of sun,
Radiance of moon,
Splendour of fire,
Speed of lightning,
Swiftmess of wind,
Depth of sea,
Stability of earth,
Firmness of rock.*

*I arise today
Through God's strength to pilot me:
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's host to save me*

*From snares of devils,
From temptations of vices,
From everyone who shall wish me ill,
Afar and anear,
Alone and in multitude.*

*I summon today all these powers between me
and those evils,
Against every cruel merciless power that may
oppose my body and soul,
Against incantations of false prophets,
Against black laws of pagandom
Against false laws of heretics,
Against craft of idolatry,
Against spells of witches and smiths and wizards,
Against every knowledge that corrupts man's
body and soul.
Christ to shield me today
Against poison, against burning,
Against drowning, against wounding,
So that there may come to me abundance of
reward.*

*Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind
me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above
me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of
me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of
me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.*

*I arise today
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the
Trinity,
Through belief in the threeness,
Through confession of the oneness,
Of the Creator of Creation.*

² http://www.lords-prayer-words.com/famous_prayers/i_arise_today.html

聖巴特里克鎧甲歌 (舊普頌 330首)³

1. 今我緊緊向我周身，繫主三一剛強之名，
繫主幫助引領權能，繫主扶持保護之恩；
垂聽之耳，看守之睛，指導之手，蔭庇之盾，
教訓之言，感動之聲，永生之道，永在之靈。
2. 今我緊緊向我周身，繫主基督道成人身，
繫主領洗約但河濱，繫主十架受死救人，
繫主脫離芳香之墳，繫主復活，乘雲上升，
繫主末日再降世塵：凡此神力，緊緊於身。
3. 今我緊緊向我周身，繫基路冰愛心之殷，
繫西拉冰事主之誠，繫主末日宣告“完成”，
繫眾烈士聖人之訓，先知之言，傳世之經，
一切歸主善良言行，一切歸主清潔靈魂。
4. 今我緊緊向我周身，繫彼羣星光明德性，
繫彼紅日輝煌生命，繫彼夜月皎潔晶明，
繫彼雷電光照聲鳴，繫彼風雨時作時停，
繫彼大地，博厚久恆，繫彼洋海，既廣且深。
5. 今我身繫種種權能，以破罪惡奸邪之阱，
以破試探引誘之因，以破心中情慾戰爭，
以破仇敵阻我行程，無論眾寡，無論遠近，
處處時時，向前猛進，攻破一切兇狂敵人。
6. 求主陪我，居我心間，求主在後，求主在前，
求主在旁，勝我罪愆，求主慰我，導我歸旋，
求主在下，求主在上，引我穩渡危險安康，
求進一切愛我心鄉，求臨親疎友朋舌上。
7. 今我緊緊向我周身，繫主三一剛強之名，
願能依賴禱告之誠，不離三一偉大權能。
讚美永生聖父，聖靈，萬物受造，有生重生；
讚美聖子，救贖我靈，萬民中保，天國之君。阿們。

³ <http://peacefulflute.wordpress.com/2009/05/14/the-deers-cry/>