

# Where's Your Chair?

St Columbanus



How abundant is your goodness, O Lord,  
which you have laid up for those who fear you;  
which you have prepared in the sight of all for those who put their trust in you.  
Psalm 31:19

## **Praising:**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who make the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

## **Reading:**

Matthew 8:18-27  
Wherever you go

Columbanus' real legacy began the day he and his twelve companions set sail from Bangor. It could almost have been a reconstruction of the gospel boat journey across the Galilee as the disciples set sail with the Master. The difference was, Columbanus did not know where he was going and his departure had one precondition: he could never return.

It was an exile for life with no guarantee of shelter or hospitality aside from the promise of Christ to supply his every physical need. Perhaps the most arresting element of the Columbanus' story is that he kept putting this promise to the test. At one point he survived by eating the bark of trees. It wasn't hardship for the sake of hardship. It was hardship for the sake of giving God free reign to bless and provide for him.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

We ask Lord for a fuller sense of how comfortable life is for us

- show us ways we can live more simply and sacrificially
- show us ways we can be more generous, sharing and open-hearted
- show us ways we can place ourselves more fully and freely at your disposal

Father: so much of the time I keep myself in control. Show me what happens when I set off with only you as my protector and provider. And then forgive me for not trusting you before. Amen

## **Doing:**

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