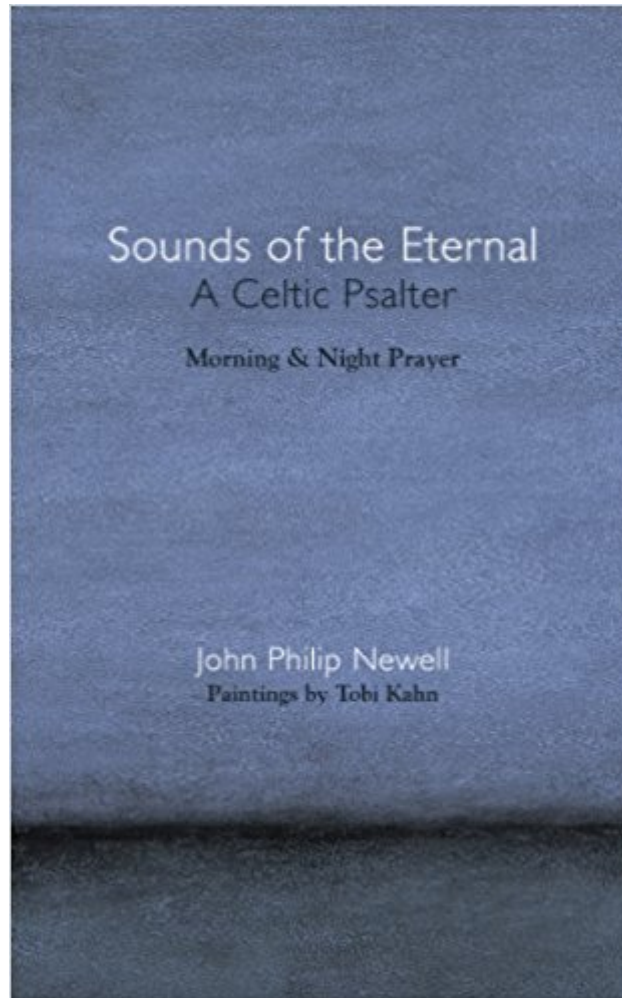




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# **Sounds Of The Eternal: A Celtic Psalter**



## 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

A beautifully presented, slim, hardback volume, beautifully illustrated, (...) you could take this nice little book on holiday without needing to pack a bulky prayer book or Bible.' --Anne Lepine THE LANCE

John Philip Newell is a Scottish poet, peacemaker, and scholar with a passion for peace among the great wisdom traditions of humanity. He is internationally acclaimed for his work in the field of Celtic spirituality, having authored over 17 books, including *Listening for the Heartbeat of God*, *Christ of the Celts* and his most recent visionary work *A New Harmony: the Spirit, the Earth, & the Human Soul*. Tobi Kahn is a painter and a sculptor whose work has been shown in over forty solo exhibitions and over sixty museum and group shows since he was selected as one of nine artists to be included in the 1985 Guggenheim Museum exhibition, *New Horizons in American Art*. Kahn's fascination with the power of art for healing led to the creation, in 2001, of a permanent installation commissioned by the HealthCare Chaplaincy of New York. For thirty years, Kahn has been steadfast in the pursuit of his distinct vision and persistent in his commitment to the redemptive possibilities of art.

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.

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.

I've probably read all Newell's book but this one travels with me no matter where I go. It's so easy to pick it up for morning or evening prayer and find something to inspire and deepen prayer. I purchased a number of copies of this for Christmas gifts and the recipients seem to like it as well.

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This book is just what I was looking for: some simple prayers written by John Philip Newell and short passages from the Bible (including Old and New Testament and the book of Wisdom). For each day of the week there is a short selection of Morning prayers and Evening prayers. It only takes about 5 minutes to slowly read through each selection and puts one in a contemplative mood. It brings together the eternal with the everyday to enrich our spiritual prayer lives.

There are many devotionals but few that have the lasting quality of Newell's "Sounds of the Eternal." This is the third copy I have purchased because of either giving them away or wanting it in both hard copy and in Kindle. I like the inclusive format and his view of a God that is in nature and full of compassion.

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 have used this guide to prayer daily since I encountered it. Newell invites the reader into reflection and meditation while celebrating the joy and beauty of the created world as a reflection of the splendor of the world of the spirit. Available also in Spanish.

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