



# The Shield of St. Patrick



Attributed to St. Patrick  
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I bind unto myself today the strong name of the trinity, by invocation of the same, the **T**hree in **O**ne, the **O**ne in **T**hree.

I bind this day to me forever by power of faith **C**hrist's incarnation, his baptism in the **J**ordan **R**iver, his death on the cross for my salvation; his bursting from the spiced tomb, his riding up the heavenly way, his coming at the day of doom I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself today the power of **G**od to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his might to stay, his ear to harken to my need, the wisdom of my **G**od to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward, the **W**ord of **G**od to give me speech, his heavenly host to be my guard.

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

I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the **T**rinity, by invocation of the same, the **T**hree in **O**ne, and **O**ne in **T**hree, of whom all nature hath creation, eternal **F**ather, **S**pirit, **W**ord; praise to the **G**od of my salvation, salvation is of **C**hrist the **L**ord!