Compline: Night Prayer for after Vespers II of Sunday

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The Gathering ...

From our cycle of prayer for this dispersed worshipping community: Tonight's Office Prayer is offered for

- the Priest, clergy, church family, and community, of S. Clement, Leigh on Sea in the Chelmsford Diocese
- and for the Chelmsford Diocese

O God, come to our aid,
O Lord, make haste to help us

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia

Hymn

How great the tale, that there should be, in God's Son's heart, a place for me! That on a sinner's lips like mine the cross of Jesus Christ should shine!

Christ Jesus, bend me to thy will, my feet to urge, my griefs to still; that e'en my flesh and blood may be a temple sanctified to thee.

No rest, no calm my soul may win, because my body craves to sin; til thou, dear Lord, thyself impart peace on my head, light in my heart.

May consecration come from far, soft shining like the evening star. My toilsome path make plain to me, until I come to rest in thee.

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Psalmody

He will conceal you with his wings; you will not fear the terror of the night.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High* and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge,* my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

It is he who will free you from the snare* of the fowler who seeks to destroy you; he will conceal you with his pinions* and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of the night* nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the plague that prowls in the darkness* nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

A thousand may fall at your side,* ten thousand fall at your right, you it will never approach;* his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

Your eyes have only to look* to see how the wicked are repaid, you who have said: 'Lord, my refuge!'* and have made the Most High your dwelling.

Upon you no evil shall fall,*
no plague approach where you dwell.
for you has he commanded his angels,*
to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands* lest you strike your foot against a stone. on the lion and the viper you will tread* and trample the young lion and the dragon.

Since he clings to me in love, I will free him;* protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'* I will save him in distress and give him glory.

With length of life I will content him;* I shall let him see my saving power.

Psalm 91

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Scripture reading

There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place."

Deuteronomy 1: 31 NIV

Responsory

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.
Into your hands, Lord,
I commend my spirit
Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
Into your hands, Lord,
I commend my spirit

Intercession...

..... intercession.... Bringing to mind those whom we pray for and holding them in God's love..., bringing the needs of the world, the church, and those who have no-one to pray for them...

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive them
that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)

Save us Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ, and rest with him in peace.

At last, all-powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever, world without end. Amen

Save us Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ, and rest with him in peace.

Blessing and departure

Let us pray

God our Father, as we have celebrated today the mystery of the Lord's resurrection, grant our humble prayer: free us from all harm that we may sleep in peace and rise in joy to sing your praise. Through Christ our Lord Amen.

The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen