

Compline : Night Prayer on Thursday

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

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

- the Priest, clergy, church family, and
community, of Old Church, Smethwick, in
the Birmingham Diocese*
- and for the Oxford 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.**

Hymn

Thou didst leave thy throne
and thy kingly crown
when thou camest to earth for me;
but in Bethlehem's home
was there found no room
for the holy Nativity;

*O come to my heart Lord Jesus,
there is room in my heart for thee*

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
proclaiming thy royal degree;
but in lowly birth didst thou come to earth,
and in great humility:

*O come to my heart Lord Jesus,
there is room in my heart for thee*

When the heavens shall ring,
and the angels sing,
at thy coming to victory,
let thy voice call me home,
saying 'yet there is room,
there is room at my side for thee'

*O come to my heart Lord Jesus,
there is room in my heart for thee*

*Music 'Margaret' T. R Matthews
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Psalmody

My body shall rest in safety

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you,
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God*
my happiness lies in you alone.'

He has put into my heart a marvellous love*
for the faithful ones who dwell in his land.
Those who choose other gods
increase their sorrows.
Never will I take their offerings of blood*
Never will I take their name upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you
who are my portion and cup;*
it is you yourself who are my prize.
The lot marked out for me is my delight: *
welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,*
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight: *
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;*
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul
among the dead,*
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,
the fulness of joy in your presence,*
at your right hand, happiness for ever.

**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.**

My body shall rest in safety

Scripture reading

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them'.

So he told them this parable:

Which one of you, having a hundred sheep, and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost."

Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost". Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Luke 15 : 8-10

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...

.... 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

Lord our God,
restore us again by the repose of sleep
after the fatigue of our daily work:
so that, continually renewed by your help,
we may serve you in body and soul.
Through Christ our Lord.

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.**