

Compline : Night Prayer for Tuesday

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

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

- the priest, clergy team, people and
community of Ss. Michael and Wulfad, Stone
with S. Saviour, Aston in the Lichfield
Diocese*
- and for the Lichfield 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.**

Song

You showed us mercy
when we were in darkness,
you showed us freedom
when we were in chains;
you showed forgiveness
when we were in depths of sin
and now your life runs through our veins.

You showed compassion
when we were so helpless
you brought us healing
when we were in pain;
you gave us hope when we were despairing
and now your love, it lifts us again.

*You are our sun in the morning,
our moon in the night,
our energy in the daytime
our rest in the night.
You're our life source, our Creator,
the beginning and the end....
for you are God Almighty,
and on you we depend*

You show us boldness
when we are uncertain,
you are our strength when we are weak;
you are our comfort
when we need security
for you are God,
and your face we seek.

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*Text and music: Ian Worsfold
(STF 488)*

Psalmody

**Do not hide your face from me,
for in you have I put my trust**

Psalm 143: 1-11

Lord, listen to my prayer:
turn your ear to my appeal. *
You are faithful, you are just; give answer.
Do not call your servant to judgement *
for no one is just in your sight.

The enemy pursues my soul;
he has crushed my life to the ground;
he has made me dwell in darkness*
like the dead, long forgotten.
Therefore my spirit fails;
my heart is numb within me.

I remember the days that are past: *
I ponder all your works.
I muse on what your hand has wrought
and to you I stretch out my hands. *
Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you.

Lord, make haste and answer; *
for my spirit fails within me.
Do not hide your face *
lest I become like those in the grave.

In the morning let me know your love *
for I put my trust in you.
Make me know the way I should walk:*
to you I lift up my soul.

Rescue me, Lord, from my enemies; *
I have fled to you for refuge.
Teach me to do your will *
for you, O Lord, are my God.
let your good spirit guide me *
in ways that are level and smooth.

For your Name's sake, Lord, save my life; *
in your justice, save my soul from distress.

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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.**

**Do not hide your face from me,
for in you have I put my trust**

Scripture reading

Jesus said to his disciples, *"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves."*

Luke 12: 35 - 38

Poem

LOVE bade me welcome;
yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love,
observing me grow slack
from my first entrance in,
drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
if I lack'd anything.

'A guest,' I answer'd, 'worthy to be here.'
Love said, 'You shall be he.'
'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on Thee.'
Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
'Who made the eyes but I?'

'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them:
let my shame
go where it doth deserve.'
'And know you not,' says Love,
'Who bore the blame?'
'My dear, then I will serve.'
'You must sit down,' says Love,
'and taste my meat.'
So I did sit and eat.

'Love bade me welcome', George Herbert

Responsory

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit,
alleluia, Alleluia!

**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.**

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

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. Alleluia**

**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.**

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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. Alleluia**

Blessing and departure

**In your mercy, Lord,
dispel the darkness of this night.
Let your household so sleep in peace,
that at the dawn of a new day,
they may, with joy, waken in your Name.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

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