

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 and ministry team, church
family, and community, of S. Anne,
Whitstone, in the Truro Diocese*
- and for the Yorkshire and North East
Methodist District*

Preparation

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

Amen.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

**Words of sorrow,
love, mercy and forgiveness....**

Time of silence

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy**

**O God make speed to save us.
O Lord make haste to help us.**

**Glory 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

Lord, we come to ask your healing,
teach us of Love;
all unspoken shame revealing,
teach us of Love.
Take our selfish thoughts and actions,
petty feuds, divisive factions,
hear us now to you appealing,
teach us of Love.

Soothe away our pain and sorrow,
hold us in Love;
Grace we cannot buy or borrow,
hold us in Love.
Though we see but dark and danger,
though we spurn both friend and stranger,
though we often dread tomorrow,
hold us in Love.

Bless our hearts with joy and gladness,
Lift us with Love;
hope and grace through all our sadness,
keep us in Love.
Show us how to know your presence
in all times and in all seasons;
help us then to bear your likeness,
fill us with Love

Help us live for one another,
bind us in Love.
Help us see you in each other,
lead us in Love.
As we bring ourselves before you;
all we are, and all we walk through;
weave our love with sister, brother;
Join us in Love

Text: vv. 1-2 Jean Holloway, vv. 3-4 Mthr. V.

Music: 'Ar Hyd Y Nos', trad welsh.

Psalmody

**The Lord is at my right hand;
I shall not fall**

Preserve me, O God,
for in you have I taken refuge;*
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,
all my good depends on you.'

All my delight is upon the godly
that are in the land,*
upon those who are noble in heart.

Though the idols are legion
that many run after,*
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
neither make mention of their names
upon my lips.

The Lord himself is my portion and cup;*
in your hands alone is my fortune.

My share has fallen in a fair land;*
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord
who has given me counsel,*
and in the night watches
he instructs my heart.

I have set the Lord always before me;*
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart is glad
and my spirit rejoices,*
my flesh also shall rest secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Death,*
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy*
and in your right hand
are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 16

**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.**

**The Lord is at my right hand;
I shall not fall**

Scripture reading

*'When you are praying, do not heap up empty
phrases as the gentiles do; for they think that they
will be heard because of their many words. Do not
be like them, for your Father knows what you need
before you ask him.*

Matthew 6:7-8

*Taken from the Anglican Eucharistic Lectionary for the day,
NRSV*

The Lord's Prayer

Our reading continues... [Jesus said].. pray then
in this way...

**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.
Amen.**

Responsory

Into your hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.
**Into your hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.**

For you have redeemed me,
Lord God of truth.
I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit.
**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend
my spirit.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye,
**Hide me under the shadow
of your wings.**

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Cantic)

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.**

**Now, Lord,
you let your servant go in peace*
your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation***

**which you have prepared
in the sight of every people;**

**A light to reveal you to the nations*
and the glory of your people, Israel.**

**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, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.**

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... prayers for those
who are unwell, those who have died, and those
who mourn*

Collect

Keep watch, dear Lord,
with those who wake,
or watch,
or weep this night,
and give your angels
charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick,
give rest to the weary,
sustain the dying,
calm the suffering,
and pity the distressed;
all for your Love's sake,
O Christ our Redeemer
Amen

Blessing and departure

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in
safety.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
**for the night is at hand
and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ

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