Compline: Night Prayer for Monday in Ordinary Time

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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, people and community of Worcester Cathedral
- and for the Peterborough Diocese.

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.

A period of reflection on the past day...

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal: have mercy on us.

O God make speed to save us,
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

Day is done, but love unfailing dwells ever here; shadows fall, but hope, prevailing, calms every fear.
Loving Father, none forsaking, take our hearts, of love's own making, watch our sleeping, guard our waking, be always near.

Dark descends, but light unending shines through our night; you are with us, ever lending new strength to sight; one in love, your truth confessing, one in hope of heaven's blessing, may we see, in love's possessing love's endless light

Text: James Quinn Music 'Ar hyd y nos' Trad welsh (HON liturgical 232)

Psalmody

Blessed be God, who comforts us in all our sorrows

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,* for I am poor and in misery.

Preserve my soul, for I am faithful;* save your servant, for I put my trust in you.

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;* I call upon you all the day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, Lord, are good and forgiving,* abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer* and listen to the voice of my supplication. In the day of my distress I will call upon you,* for you will answer me.

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,* nor any works like yours.

All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, * and shall glorify your name,

For you are great and do wonderful things;* you alone are God.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;* Knit my heart to you, that I may fear your name.

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,* and glorify your name for evermore.

For great is your steadfast love towards me,* for you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave.

O God, the proud rise up against me and a ruthless horde seek after my life;* they have not set you before their eyes.

But you, Lord are gracious and full of compassion, *
Slow to anger and full of kindness and truth.

Turn to me and have mercy upon me;* give your strength to your servant and save the child of your handmaid.

Show me a token of your favour, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;*
because you O Lord, have helped and comforted me.

Psalm 86

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Scripture reading

As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

Luke 18: 35- end

Responsory

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
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For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth Into your hands, O Lord, 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 Canticle)

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

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Intercession...

Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we make our prayer to you, saying, Lord hear us.

Intercessions may be offered ...

Collect

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray; and in your mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

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.

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

Goodnight....