

Compline : Night Prayer

Bible Sunday

The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

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

- *the Priests, church family, and community, of S. David, Ely, Cardiff, in the Llandaff Diocese*
- *and for the Birmingham Diocese*



Opening Responses

Peace on each one who comes in need
Peace on each one who comes in Joy

Peace on each one who offers prayers,
Peace on each one who offers song

Peace of the Maker, peace of the Son
Peace of the Spirit, the Triune One.

Song and response

O God, for your love for us,
warm and brooding,
which has brought us to birth
and opened our eyes
to the wonder and beauty of creation,
we give you thanks

Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am God

For your love for us, wild and freeing,
which has awakened us
to the energy of creation:
to the sap that flows,
the blood that pulses,
the heart that sings.

We give you thanks

I am the Lord, who saves and heals
I am the Lord, who saves and heals
I am the Lord, who saves and heals

For your love for us, strong and challenging,
which has called us to risk for you,
asked for the best in us,
and shown us how to serve
we give you thanks.

In you, O Lord I put my trust,
In you, O Lord I put my trust,
In you, O Lord I put my trust.

Song: Text anonymous. (STF 18)

Words of love, mercy and grace

O God, we come to celebrate
that your Holy Spirit
is present deep within us,
and at the heart of all life.

Forgive us when we forget your gift of love
made known to us in Jesus,
and draw us into your presence.

Prayer for Bible Sunday

Speak to us through
our worship and fellowship
and as we receive and open your word
make our hearts burn within us.
Open our hearts and lives
to all you would teach us.
Help our hearts to listen,
to understand,
and to rejoice and share your love
God of Truth

**Renew our lives, through Jesus Christ
our Living Word
Amen.**

Psalmody

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray, save my life!”

Gracious is the Lord and righteous,
Our God is merciful

Psalm 116: 1 - 5

**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.**

Scripture reading

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3: 12-17

from the Anglican Eucharistic Lectionary for Bible Sunday, NRSV

Hymn

Colours of day, dawn into the mind,
the sun has come up, the night is behind,
go down in the city, into the street,
and let’s give the message
to the people we meet.

*So light up the fire, and let the flame burn,
open the door, let Jesus return,
take seeds of his spirit, let the fruit grow,
tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.*

Go through the park, on into the town;
the sun still shines on; it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
the people of darkness
are needing our friend.

So light up the fire, and let the flame burn...

Open your eyes, look into the sky,
the darkness has come, the sun came to die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
but Jesus is living, and his Spirit is near.

So light up the fire, and let the flame burn...

*Text and music: Sue McClellan, John Paculabo & Keith Rycroft
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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.**

Intercession...

We bring to you, Lord, those whom we have met or remembered today and for whom we want to pray....

We come to you, Lord, with all who are hurting tonight and ask God’s holding healing love...

We come to you, Lord, with a troubled situation in our world tonight...

We come to you, Lord, with in our hearts, someone whom we find hard to forgive or trust....

We come ourselves to you, Lord, that we might grow in generosity of spirit, clarity of mind, and warmth of affection....

We come to you, Lord, as your beloved, your Church, your body here on earth, and our communities... especially...

We come to you, Lord, as part of the Church worldwide and those who lead and guide us...

We come to you, eternal Loving God, bearing in our hearts those who those who have died, that they may know the peace and joy of life with God....

We come to you, Lord, with all who mourn, that they may know your strength and comfort...

We come to you, Lord, as day falls to night, asking your grace, your healing mercy, to enlarge our hearts with courage to grow, to reach out, to receive, to bear your grace.... To live with you seeking to build with you your kingdom... to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, our God

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scripture to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them
to read them
to mark them
to learn them
and to inwardly digest them
that through patience,
through gazing and wrestling,
and the comfort of your holy Word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
and share
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us
in and through 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. Amen.**

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.**

The Angelus

The angel of the Lord appeared unto Mary
and she conceived by the Holy Spirit

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold, the handmaid of the Lord
Let it be to me according to thy Word

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

The Word became flesh
and dwelt amongst us

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Pray for us, Holy Mother of God
**that we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ**

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord,
thy Grace into our hearts,
that as we have known the incarnation
of thy Son, Jesus Christ,
through the message of an angel,
so, by his cross and passion,
we may be brought to the glories
of his resurrection
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

Blessing and departure

O Trinity of Love,
you have been with us
at the world's beginning
Be with us until the world's end

You have been with us at our life's shaping,
Be with us at our life's end.

You have been with us at the sun's rising
Be with us 'til the day's end

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

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