

Compline : Night Prayer on Thursday

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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 alongside and for*

- *the priests and church family and
community of S. Timothy, Ely, Cardiff in the
Llandaff Diocese*
- *and for the Manchester Diocese.*

The angels of God guard us through the night,
and quieten the powers of darkness.

The Spirit of God be our guide
to lead us to peace and to glory.

Pray in the power of the Spirit. Keep watch
and persevere, and remember all God's
people.

Our help is in the name of the eternal God
**who is making the heavens
and the earth.**

Hymn

O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire
and still stir up the gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
til death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

*Music: 'Hereford' SS Wesley
Text: Charles Wesley, based on Leviticus 6:13
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Dear God, thank you for all that is good,
for our creation and our humanity,
for the stewardship you have given us
of this planet earth,
for the gifts of life and of one another,
for your love,
which is unbounded and eternal.

O Thou, Most Holy and Beloved,
My Companion, my Unicorn,
my Guide upon the Way.

Words of love and penitence...

Loving God, close your eyes to our sins,
We who have wounded your love.

Refine us with the flame of your Spirit:
Cleanse us with springs of living water.

Save us with words of forgiveness and peace:
make us whole, steadfast in spirit.

Broken are our bones, yet you can heal us,
**and we shall leap for joy
and dance again.**

O God of Love, we adore you ...
You transfigure our disfigured faces,
you strive with our resistant clay,
you bring out of our chaos, harmony.
O God of Love, we adore you ...

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being
and open our lips,

**that our mouths
may proclaim your praise.**
Let us worship the God of Love:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Psalmody

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in time of trouble.
Therefore we shall not be afraid,
even though the earth be moved,
even though the mountains should crumble
and fall into the sea,
even though the waters should foam and rage,
assault the cliffs and make them shudder.

You are for us the God of the powers,
a safe stronghold, the God of all peoples.

There is a river
whose streams make glad the city of God.
Here is God's dwelling place
and it will stand firm.
God's rescue dawns like the morning light,
God's voice echoes through every land.
When the powerful nations panic and totter,
and the whole world comes crashing down,

You are for us the God of the powers,
a safe stronghold, the God of all peoples.

They who dwell in the shelter
of the Most High,
who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,
say to our God,
you are my refuge and stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.
You set me free from the snare of the hunter,
and from evil's destroying curse.
You cover me with your wings,
And I shall be safe under your feathers.

**Glory be to God,
sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,
as in the beginning, so now and forever.
Amen.**

Scripture reading

"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptised, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!

Luke 12: 49-51

Responsory

Into your hands, O God,
I commend my spirit,
**For you have redeemed me,
O God of truth and love.**

Keep me, O God, as the apple of an eye:
Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Collect

A collect prayer may be prayed

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Cantic)

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

**Praise be to God,
I have lived to see this day.
God's promise is fulfilled
and my duty done.
At last you have given me peace,
for I have seen with my own eyes
the salvation you have prepared
for all nations –
a light to the world in its darkness,
and the glory of your people, Israel.**

**Glory be to God,
sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,
as in the beginning, so now and forever.
Amen.**

Preserve us, O God, while waking

and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep may rest in your 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...*

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

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,
**for it is in God alone
that I dwell unafraid.**

Let us bless the Life-Giver,
the Pain-Bearer, the Love-Maker
**let us praise and exalt God
above all for ever.**

May God's name be praised
beyond the furthest star;
**glorified and exalted above all for ever.
Amen.**

Watch between us dear God,
when we are absent from one another. Amen.

O God,
the Source of the whole world's gladness
and the bearer of its pain,
may your unconquerable joy
rest at the heart
of all our trouble and distress.

Be present, Living Christ, within us,
your dwelling place and home,
that all places may be ones where
all darkness is penetrated by your light,
all troubles calmed by your peace,
all evil redeemed by your love,
all pain transformed in your suffering.
and all dying glorified in your risen life.
Amen.

The blessing of God, Life-Giver, Pain Bearer,
Love Maker, be with us now and always.

Amen

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

Amen

Goodnight