

# Compline : Night Prayer on Thursday *S. Tysilio of Wales*

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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. Matthias & George,  
Astwood Bank in the Worcester Diocese*
- and for the Liverpool 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.**

## **Collect**

Father of all,  
who called Tysilio to flee his father's house  
and to dwell in solitude  
in the isles of the western sea:  
grant that we, following his example,  
may be prepared to give up  
all that would hinder us  
from following in the footsteps of your Son,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **Hymn**

Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold:  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use  
ev'ry power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart: it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

*Music: 'Nottingham' W. A. Mozart (adapted)*

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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**

*Philemon 7 - 20*

Your love has given me great joy and  
encouragement, because you, brother, have  
refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and  
order you to do what you ought to do, yet I prefer  
to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none  
other than Paul—an old man and now also a  
prisoner of Christ Jesus— that I appeal to you for my  
son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in  
chains. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he  
has become useful both to you and to me.

I am sending him - who is my very heart - back to  
you. I would have liked to keep him with me so that  
he could take your place in helping me while I am in  
chains for the gospel. But I did not want to do  
anything without your consent, so that any favour  
you do would not seem forced but would be  
voluntary. Perhaps the reason he was separated  
from you for a little while was that you might have  
him back forever - no longer as a slave, but better  
than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to  
me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man  
and as a brother in the Lord. So if you consider me a  
partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If  
he has done you any wrong or owes you anything,  
charge it to me.

I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay  
it back - not to mention that you owe me your very  
self. I do wish, brother, that I may have some  
benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in  
Christ.

## **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.**

## **Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)**

**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.

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**