

Compline : Night Prayer on Saturday

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The Gathering ...

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

Christchurch Cathedral, Oxford

- *and for the Canterbury Diocese*

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 love and penitence...

**Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven
and one another,
that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

Favour us Lord, and deliver us
Lord, come quickly and help us.

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.**

Hymn

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,
in every part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
thy being and thy ways

Fill ev'ry part of me with praise:
let all my being speak
of thee and of thy love, O Lord,
poor though I be and weak

So shall each fear, each fret, each care,
be turned into song;
and ev'ry winding of the way
the echo shall prolong.

So shall no part of day or night
unblest or common be;
but all my life, in ev'ry step,
be fellowship with thee.

Text: Horatius Bonar (HON New Anglican 129)

Music 'Belmont' William Gardner (HON New Anglican 341)

Psalmody

God's faithfulness is a protective shield

Living in the Most High's shelter,
camping in the Almighty's shade,
I say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge, my stronghold!
You are my God – the one I trust!"

God will save you from the hunter's trap
and from the deadly sickness.
God will protect you with his pinions;
you will find refuge under his wings.
His faithfulness is a protective shield.

Don't be afraid of terrors at night,
arrows that fly in daylight,
or sickness that prowls in the dark,
destruction that ravages at noontime.

Even if one thousand people
fall dead next to you,
ten thousand right beside you –
it will not come near you.
just look with your eyes,
and you will see the wicked punished.

Because you've made the Lord my refuge,
the Most High, your place of residence –
no evil will happen to you;
no disease will come close to your tent.

Because he will order his messengers
to help you,
to protect you wherever you go.
They will carry you with their own hands
so you don't bruise your foot on a stone.

You'll march on top of lions and vipers;
you'll trample young lions
and serpents underfoot.

God says, "because you are devoted to me,
I'll rescue you.
I'll protect you because you know my name.

Whenever you cry out to me, I'll answer.
I'll be with you in troubling times,
I'll save you and glorify you.
I'll fill you full with old age.
I'll show you my salvation."

**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.**

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Psalm Prayer

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
and, as you have bound us to yourself in love,
leave us not who call upon your name,
but grant us your salvation,
made known in the cross
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Scripture reading

If you will only obey the Lord your God, by diligently
observing all his commandments that I am
commanding you today, the Lord your God will set
you high above all the nations of the earth; all these
blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if
you obey the Lord your God:

Blessed shall you be in the city,
and blessed shall you be in the field.
Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb,
the fruit of your ground,
and the fruit of your livestock,
both the increase of your cattle
and the issue of your flock.
Blessed shall be your basket
and your kneading bowl.

Blessed shall you be when you come in,
and blessed shall you be when you go out.

*Deuteronomy 28: 1-6
(from the Anglican additional weekday lectionary for the day)*

Responsory

Lord, I entrust my spirit into your hands.
**Lord, I entrust my spirit into your
hands.**

For you, Lord, God of faithfulness –
you have saved me.
**Lord, I entrust my spirit into your
hands.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit
**Lord, I entrust my spirit into your
hands.**

Keep me, O God, as the apple of an 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, Master, let your servant
go in peace according to your word,
because my eyes have seen
your salvation.**

**You prepared this salvation
in the presence of all peoples.**

**It's a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and a glory for your people, Israel**

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and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be;
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...*

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.**

Collect

**Stay with us, O God, this night
so that by your strength
we may rise with the new day
to rejoice in the resurrection of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

Blessing and departure

**We will lie down and fall asleep in peace,
because you alone, Lord,
let us live 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.**

Salve Regina

**Hail holy Queen, mother of mercy;
our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To you do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve;
to you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears;
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb,
Jesus
O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.
Amen.**

Pray for us, holy mother of God.

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

Amen

Goodnight