

Compline : Night Prayer Plainsong

The Gathering ...

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet!

Welcome and introduction

Intercession...

For this office, a time of stillness, to
*Bringing to mind those whom we pray for and hold
them in God's love..., bringing the needs of the
world, the church, and those who have no-one to
pray for them... and to offer thanksgiving. Keep
these in your mind and heart during the Office, and
let the music wrap and lift.*

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

- *the clergy and ministry team, people and
community of The Bridge Church, Redditch,
in Worcester Diocese*
- *and for the Llandaff Diocese.*

Preparation

Ascension Day Sonnet

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place
As earth became a part of Heaven's story
And heaven opened to his human face.
We saw him go and yet we were not parted
He took us with him to the heart of things
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our
sight,
Whilst we ourselves become his clouds of witness
And sing the waning darkness into light,
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,
Which all creation waits to see revealed

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night
and a perfect end.

Amen.

Brethren be sober, be vigilant,
because your adversary the devil,
as a roaring lion, walketh about,
seeking whom he may devour:
whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Thanks be to God.

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 Ghost;
**As it was in the beginning, is now and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord
The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalmody

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Psalm 47: 1-7

Clap your hands together, all you peo-ples;*
O sing to God with shouts of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared;*
He is the great King over *all* the earth.

He subdued the peoples *un-der* us,*
and the nations *under* our feet.

He has chosen our heritage *for* us,*
the pride of Jacob, *whom* he loves.

God has gone up with a merry *noise*,*
the Lord with the *sound* of the trumpet.

O sing praises to God, sing *prai-ses*;*
sing praises to our *King*, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the *earth*;*
sing praises with *all* your skill.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever *shall* be:
world without end.
Amen.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture reading

Jesus says...

*I go to prepare a place for you.
And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come
again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am,
there ye may be also.
And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know*

John 14: 2b-4

Thanks be to God.

Responsory

Into thy hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.
**Into your hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.**

For thou hast redeemed me,
O Lord, thou God of truth
I commend my spirit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
**Into thy hands, O Lord,
I commend my Spirit**

Hymn

The Lord goes up with shouts of joy,
while trumpets all his triumph tell;
with him humanity is raised
above angelic worlds to dwell.

He sits with God, at his right hand,
who is the Lord of everything;
The Father's glory is his own:
Christ Jesus, all creation's king.

And when he comes again in might,
to raise us on that splendid day,
we shall be gathered up to him,
and every tear be wiped away.

O God, our Father, hear our prayer:
with Christ, our Lord, your only Son,
send forth the Spirit of your love
to live in us and make us one.

*Text: Benedictine nuns of Stanbrook Abbey,
Stanbrook Abbey hymnal
Music: 'Herongate' Thomas Bishop Southgate*

Amen.

Keep me as the apple of an eye.
**Hide me under the shadow
of thy wings**

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)

**Preserve us O Lord, while waking;
and guard us while sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep may rest in peace. Alleluia!**

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant
depart in *peace*:
according to thy word.**

**For mine eyes have seen:
thy *sal*-vation**

**Which thou hast pre-*par*-ed:
before the face of *all* people.**

**To be a light to lighten the *Gen*-tiles:
and to be the glory of thy *peo*-ple Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now
and ever *shall* be:
world without end.
Amen. Alleluia!**

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

Sorrow and forgiveness....

Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us

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.

Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers;
To be praised and glorified
above all for ever.

Let us bless the Father, the Son
and the Holy Ghost;
Let us praise him
and magnify him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord,
in the firmament of heaven;
to be praised and glorified
above all for ever.

The almighty and most merciful Lord
guard us and give us his blessing.
Amen.

We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed, through our own
grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to
have mercy upon us.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us
all our sins and deliver us from all evil,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and
bring us to life everlasting. Through Jesus
Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;
that thy people may rejoice in thee?

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
and grant us thy salvation.

Vouchsafe, O Lord,
to keep us this night without sin
O Lord, have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us.

O Lord, hear our prayer
and let our cry come unto thee.

Collect

Let us pray

Grant we beseech thee, Almighty God, that
like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son
our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into
the heavens; so we may also in heart and
mind thither ascend, and with him continually
dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and
the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen

Blessing and departure

We will lay us down in peace,
and take our rest;
For it is thou, Lord, only
that makest us dwell in safety.

The Lord be with you;
and with thy Spirit.

Let us bless the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

May the souls of the faithful,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen

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

Amen

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