

Compline : Night Prayer

Thursday in Eastertide

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

O God, come to our aid,
O Lord, make haste to help us

**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.**

Song

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see, he has given to me,
and his giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment,
have been blessed by the strength of his love.
At the turn of each tide, he is there at my side,
and his touch is as gentle as silence.

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Psalmody

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you,
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God*
my happiness lies in you alone.'

He has put into my heart a marvellous love*
for the faithful ones who dwell in his land.
Those who choose other gods
increase their sorrows.
Never will I take their offerings of blood*
Never will I take their name upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you
who are my portion and cup;*
it is you yourself who are my prize.
The lot marked out for me is my delight: *
welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,*
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:*
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;*
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul
among the dead,*
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,
the fulness of joy in your presence,*
at your right hand, happiness for ever.

**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.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Scripture reading

He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened"

Matthew 13 : 33

Responsory

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit,
alleluia, Alleluia!
**Into your hands, Lord, I commend my
spirit, alleluia, Alleluia!**

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.
**Into your hands, Lord, I commend my
spirit, alleluia, Alleluia!**

Glory be to the Father,

and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
**Into your hands, Lord, I commend my
spirit, alleluia, Alleluia!**

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.**

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)

**Save us Lord, while we are awake;
protect us while we sleep;
that we may keep watch with Christ,
and rest with him in peace. Alleluia**

**At last, all-powerful Master,
you give leave to your servant
to go in peace,
according to your promise.**

**For my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have prepared for all nations,
the light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.**

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 Lord, while we are awake;
protect us while we sleep;
that we may keep watch with Christ,
and rest with him in peace. Alleluia**

Blessing and departure

Give us grace, almighty God,
so to unite ourselves in faith
with your only Son,
who underwent death
and lay buried in the tomb
that we may rise again
in newness of life with him,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever

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

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

Amen

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Goodnight