

Compline : Night Prayer for after Vespers II of Sunday

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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 for*

- *the priest, clergy team, people and
community of Ss. Philip and James, Hallow,
in Worcester Diocese*
- *and for the Coventry Diocese.*

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.**

Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the sceptre, his the throne.
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

*Text: William Chatterton Dix
Music: 'Hyfrydol' Rowland Huw Pritchard*

Psalmody

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most
High*
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,*
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

It is he who will free you from the snare*
of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;
he will conceal you with his pinions*
and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of the night*
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the plague that prowls in the darkness*
nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

A thousand may fall at your side,*
ten thousand fall at your right,
you it will never approach,*
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

Your eyes have only to look*
to see how the wicked are repaid,
you, it will never approach,*
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

Your eyes have only to look*
to see how the wicked are repaid,
you who have said: 'Lord, my refuge!'*
and have made the Most High your dwelling.

Upon you no evil shall fall,*
no plague approach where you dwell.
for you has he commanded his angels,*
to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands*
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
on the lion and the viper you will tread*
and trample the young lion and the dragon.

Since he clings to me in love, I will free him;*
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'*
I will save him in distress and give him glory.

With length of life I will content him;*
I shall let him see my saving power.

**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

Jesus said to his disciples...

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Acts 1: 8-11

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...

..... 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 Cantic)

**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**

Collect Prayer

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph
to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour
Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Blessing and departure

Let us pray

**Visit, our homes, we pray you, Lord:
Drive far away from them all the snares
of the enemy.
May your holy angels stay here and
guard us in peace,
And let your blessing be always upon us.
Through Christ our Lord.**

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

Goodnight