

Compline : Night Prayer for Ascensiontide

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

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

- the Priest (Revd. Sheridan James), church family, particularly the online church family, and community, of S. Catherine, Hatchem, Southwark*
- and for the Oxford Diocese.*

Preparation

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 sorrow, love, mercy and forgiveness....

Christ has gone up on high,
leading captivity captive
and bringing gifts for all peoples.
As we prepare ourselves to meet him
in sorrow we confess our sins

Time of silence

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake,
wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

*Text: John Greenleaf Whittier
Music: 'Repton', C. H. H. Parry*

Psalmody

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, bless the Lord,
all you servants of the Lord,*
you that by night
stand in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary*
and bless the Lord.

The Lord who made heaven and earth*
give you blessing out of Zion

Psalm 134

**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

Then the Lord said, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord; the Lord will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the Lord – but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake – but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire – but the Lord was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. A voice said to him, "Elijah, why are you here?"

*1 Kings 20: 11-13
The New American Bible, 1970*

Responsory

Into your hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit. Alleluia, Alleuia!
**Into your hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit. Alleluia, Alleuia!**

For you have redeemed me,
Lord God of truth.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit.
**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend
my spirit.
Alleluia, Alleuia!**

Keep me as the apple of your eye,
**Hide me under the shadow
of your wings.**

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)

**Alleluia. The Holy Spirit, the Advocate,
alleluia,
shall teach you all things.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Now, Lord,
you let your servant go in peace*
your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation*
which you have prepared
in the sight of every people;**

**A light to reveal you to the nations*
and the glory of your people, Israel.**

**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**

**Alleluia. The Holy Spirit, the Advocate,
alleluia,
shall teach you all things.
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... prayers for those
who are unwell, those who have died, and those
who mourn*

Collect

Come, O Spirit of God,
and make within us
your dwelling place and home.
May our darkness be dispelled by you light,
and our troubles calmed by your peace,
may all evil be redeemed by your love,
all pain transformed
through the suffering of Christ,
and all dying glorified in his risen life.
Amen

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

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell 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

May the Holy Spirit of God
bless and sanctify us
so that we may be consecrated in the truth.

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

Goodnight...