

Compline : Night Prayer for Eastertide

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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, people and community of S. John
the Evangelist, Perry Barr, Birmingham,*
- *and for the Liverpool 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....

We come to God
as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

Time of silence

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

Hymn

Holy God,
your pilgrim people by you were fed,
through the vast and dreadful desert
guided and led;
water from the rockface pouring,
hope to every heart restoring,
sets the failing spirit soaring,
life from the dead!

Living bread for mortals broken,
gift from above,
live in us the life eternal,
perfect in love.
Come, the word of wholeness bringing,
where our fearful souls are clinging;
and of life abundant singing,
all fear remove.

Text: Michael Forster, tune 'Ar hyd y nos'

Psalmody

Psalm 116 : 10 - 15

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

How shall I repay the Lord*
for all the benefits he has given to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation*
and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord*
in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord*
is the death of his faithful servants.

O Lord, I am your servant, *
your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving*
and call upon the name of the Lord.

**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 Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "**Do not complain among yourselves. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.**"

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, '**Do you also wish to go away?**' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

John 6: 41-43, 51, 60, 66-69

Taken from the Eucharistic Anglican Lectionary gospel reading for the day, NRSV

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 Cantic)

**Alleluia. The Lord is risen, alleluia,
as he promised to you. 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**

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as he promised to you. 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 for Eastertide

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness
and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. 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 risen Lord bless us.
May he watch over us and renew us
as he renews the whole of creation.
May our hearts and lives echo his love.

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

Amen