

# Compline : Night Prayer for Eastertide on the feast of S. Matthias

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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 tutors, staff, chaplain and students of the community of Queens Theological College in Birmingham*
- *and for the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury Methodist District.*

## 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**

## Collect for S. Matthias

Lord God, you chose S. Matthias by lot  
to complete the number  
of the twelve apostles.  
By his prayers,  
include us among your chosen ones,  
since we rejoice to see  
that the lot marked out for us is your love.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen

## Hymn

Apostles of our ancient faith,  
with all the heavn's we sing your fame  
whose sound went forth in all the earth  
to tell of Christ, and bless his Name.

You took the gospel to the poor,  
the word of God alight in you,  
which in our day is told again:  
that timeless word, for ever new.

You told of God who died for us  
and out of death triumphant rose,  
who gave the truth that made us free,  
and changeless through the ages goes.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
whose gift is faith that never dies:  
a light in darkness now, until  
the day-star in our hearts arise.

*Text: Stanbrook Abbey Hymnal  
Tune: 'Herongate' trad English, arr. RVW*

## Psalmody

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?\*  
Who may rest upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads an uncorrupt life\*  
and does the thing that is right;

who speaks the truth from the heart\*  
and bears no deceit on the tongue;

who does no evil to a friend\*  
and pours no scorn on a neighbour;

in whose sight the wicked are not esteemed,\*  
but who honours those who fear the Lord.

Whoever has sworn to a neighbour\*  
and never goes back on that word;

who does not lend money  
in the hope of gain,\*  
nor takes a bribe against the innocent;  
whoever does these things shall never fall.

*Psalm 15*

**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**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said...

... one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”

And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

*Acts 1: 15, 21-26*

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

## **Responsory**

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

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, Alleluia!**

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

## **Nunc Dimitis (Gospel Canticle)**

**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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## **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*

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.

## **Collect for Eastertide**

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ  
is the Way, the Truth and the Life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and forever.

**Amen**

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

*Goodnight....*

## **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.**

