

Compline : Night Prayer for Ascensiontide

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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, people and community of S.
Martin, Barnehurst, in Rochester Diocese*
- *and for the Durham 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.

A period of reflection on the past day...

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal:
have mercy on us.**

O God make speed to save us,
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. Alleluia

Hymn

Show me how to stand for justice:
how to work for what is right,
how to challenge false assumptions,
how to walk within the light.
may I learn to share more freely
in a world so full of greed,
showing your immense compassion
by the life I choose to lead.

Teach our hearts to treasure mercy,
whether given or received –
for my need has not diminished
since the day I first believed:
let me seek no satisfaction
boasting of what I have done,
but rejoice that I am pardoned
and accepted in your Son.

Gladly I embrace a lifestyle
modelled on your living word,
in humility submitting
to the truth which I have heard.
Make me conscious of your presence
every day in all I do:
by your Spirit's gracious prompting
may I learn to walk with you

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Psalmody

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,*
for I am poor and in misery.

Preserve my soul, for I am faithful;*
save your servant, for I put my trust in you.

Be merciful to me, O Lord,
for you are my God;*
I call upon you all the day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant,*
For to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, Lord, are good and forgiving,*
abounding in steadfast love
to all who call upon you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer*
and listen to the voice of my supplication.

In the day of my distress I will call upon you,*
for you will answer me.

Among the gods
there is none like you, O Lord*
nor any works like yours.

All nations you have made shall come and
worship you, O Lord,*
And shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wonderful things,*
you alone are God.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in
your truth;*
knit my heart to you,
that I may fear your name.

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my
heart,*
and glorify your name for evermore.

For great is your steadfast love towards me,*
For you have delivered my soul
from the depths of the grave.

Psalms 86: 1-13

**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

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons
and your daughters shall prophesy. The old
shall dream dreams and the young see visions.

Joel 2:28

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 Dimittis (Gospel Cantic)

**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

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alleluia, shall teach you all things.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Intercession...

Holy God, in whom we live and move
and have our being,
we make our prayer to you, saying,
Lord hear us.

...other intercessions for what is upon our hearts...

O God,
As we pray for the coming of your holy spirit
upon our hearts anew
take our minds
and think through them,
take our lips and speak through them,
take our hearts
and set them on fire with love for you

may we live in faith,
walk in hope
and be renewed in love,
until the world feels warmed
and kindles to reflect your glory

May your kingdom come.

Amen.

Collect Prayer

Come, O Spirit of God,
and make within us your dwelling place and home.
May our darkness be dispelled by your 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,
he 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.
Amen.

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