

Compline : Night Prayer for Eastertide

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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.
Peter, Stockton on Tees*
- *and for the Worcester Diocese.*

Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night
and a perfect end.

Amen.

Psalmody

As the deer longs for the water brooks,*
so longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul is athirst for God,
Even for the living God;*
when shall I come
before the presence of God?

Psalm 42: 1-2

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

Be still for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.
Come bow before him now
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found;
we stand on holy ground.
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire;
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight;
our radiant King of light.
Be still for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal;
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him;
in faith receive from him.
Be still for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place

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Psalmody

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;*
serve the Lord with gladness and come before
his presence with a song.

Know that the Lord is God;*
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his
pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;*
give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the Lord is gracious;
his steadfast love is everlasting*
and his faithfulness endures from generation
to generation.

**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!

Psalm 100

Scripture reading

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us and we
are called by your name; leave us not, O Lord
our God.

Jeremiah 14:9

Intercession...

Thank you Lord, that you are in the midst of
us, claiming us as your own in love, amongst
all that surrounds us... that you walk with us,
that you lift us up.

Lord, you are Love, you pour blessings on us
day by day, you shower the joy and strength
of your Spirit upon us, Lord who made the
stars of night, shine upon us as we turn to
you in thankfulness. Open our hearts to share
in your delight and joy, that changes and
enlightens our world. To your resurrection
promise, that rejects despair, and brings
alleluias to our hearts. Surprise us, O
Creating and Resurrected Lord, in this time,
with joy and hope and thankfulness ... and
help us to learn to share it.

We pray now in stillness for all those on our
hearts, for those who have asked our prayer,
for those who feel they have no one to pray
for them....

Bless your church, that we may truly be your
presence here on earth, the presence that
holds and heals, and the presence that
disturbs and challenges ... we pray for our
church families and communities ... and
especially this night for

Bless those who lead and guide us, and our
own discerning and shaping in our daily
contexts, in the wisdom and compassion of
your Holy Spirit... lead us into the ways of
peace and justice.

Welcome into your healing love, O God of
love, all those who have died.... We pray for
the journey of their souls. May light and love
perpetual shine upon them. And for all who
mourn.... hold all grief in the strength of your
presence and of your promises.

O Lord, be the still centre of our lives. The
ground, the strength, the purpose and joy of
our being.

Be our desire, and thus our thanksgiving...

be our breath, be our loving, be our thinking
and our speaking, be our striving, and our
resting,

and help us in this way to share you with the
world....

May your kingdom come.

Amen.

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 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

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

Collect for Eastertide

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
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 Jesus 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.
Amen.

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

Goodnight....