

Compline : Night Prayer Plainsong

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

Intercession...

*For this office, in itself a time of stillness, to bring to
mind those whom we pray for and hold them in
God's love..., bringing the needs of the world, the
church, and those who have no-one to pray for
them... and to offer thanksgiving. Keep these in your
mind and heart during the Office, and let the music
wrap and lift.*

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

- the priest, people and community of S.
Timothy, Ely, Cardiff*
- and for the Llandaff Diocese.*

Preparation

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

Amen.

Brethren be sober, be vigilant,
because your adversary the devil,
as a roaring lion, walketh about,
seeking whom he may devour:
whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Thanks be to God.

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 Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord

The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalmody

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook
and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness
shall follow me
all the days of my life
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Glory be to *Father* and to the *Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and sha-all be for ever .

Psalm 23

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Scripture reading

*"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter
the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another
way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by
the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The*

gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

John 10: 1-10

Responsory

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

For thou hast redeemed me,
O Lord, thou God of truth
I commend my spirit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
**Into thy hands, O Lord,
I commend my Spirit**

Hymn

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Keep me as the apple of an eye.
**Hide me under the shadow
of thy wings**

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)

Alleluia.
He is not here: for he is risen, as he said.
Alleluia!

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant
depart in peace:
according to thy word.**

**For mine eyes have seen:
thy sal-vation**

**Which thou hast pre-par-ed:
before the face of all people.**

**To be a light to lighten the Gen-tiles:
and to be the glory of thy peo-ple Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost.**
**As it was in the beginning, is now
and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen**

Alleluia.
He is not here: for he is risen, as he said.
Alleluia!

Words of prayer, repentance and forgiveness....

Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us

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. **Amen.**
Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers;
To be praised and glorified
above all for ever.

Let us bless the Father, the Son
and the Holy Ghost;
Let us praise him
and magnify him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord,
in the firmament of heaven;
to be praised and glorified
above all for ever.

The almighty and most merciful Lord
guard us and give us his blessing.
Amen.

We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed, through our own
grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to
have mercy upon us.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us
all our sins and deliver us from all evil,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and
bring us to life everlasting. Through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;
that thy people may rejoice in thee?

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
and grant us thy salvation.

Vouchsafe, O Lord,
to keep us this night without sin
O Lord, have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us.

O Lord, hear our prayer
and let our cry come unto thee.

Collect

Let us pray

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee O
Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from
all perils and dangers of this night; for the love
of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Blessing and departure

We will lay us down in peace,
and take our rest;
For it is thou, Lord, only
that makest us dwell in safety.

The Lord be with you;
and with thy Spirit.

Let us bless the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

May the souls of the faithful,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen

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

Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Goodnight