

Compline : Night Prayer

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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, clergy and ministry team, church family, and community, of S. George, Barbourne, Worcester Diocese*
- 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....

Time of silence

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

O God make speed to save us.
O Lord make haste to help us.

**Glory 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.**

Psalmody

**You, Lord, are slow to anger,
abounding in love**

Answer me when I call,
O God of my righteousness;
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

How long will you nobles
dishonour my glory;*
How long will you love vain things
and seek after falsehood?

But know that the Lord
has shown me his marvellous kindness;*
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not;*
commune with your own heart
upon your bed, and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness*
and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many that say,
'Who will show us any good?'
Lord, lift up the light
of your countenance upon us.

You have put gladness in my heart,*
more than when their corn and wine
and oil increase.

In peace I will lie down and sleep,*
for it is you Lord, only,
who make me dwell in safety.

**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.**

**You, Lord, are slow to anger,
abounding in love**

Scripture reading

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry,

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Luke 1: 39:45

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

Hymn

My soul is filled with joy
as I sing to God my Saviour;
he has looked upon his servant,
he has visited his people.

*And holy is his Name through all generations!
Everlasting is his mercy
to the people he has chosen,
and holy is his Name!*

I am lowly as a child,
but I know from this day forward
that my name will be remembered and the
world will call me blessed.

And holy is his Name

I proclaim the pow'r of God!
He does marvels for his servants:
and he scatters the proud-hearted
and destroys the might of princes.

And holy is his Name

To the hungry he gives food,
sends the rich away empty.
In his mercy he is mindful
of the people he has chosen.

And holy is his Name

In his love he now fulfills
what he promised to our fathers.
I will praise the Lord, my Saviour.
Everlasting is his mercy

And holy is his Name

*Text: unknown author, based on Luke 1: 46-55
Music: trad Scottish, arr. Tambling (HON Liturgical, 489)*

Responsory

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

For you have redeemed me,
Lord God of truth.
I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit.
**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend
my spirit.**

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

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Cantic)

**Blessed is she whose soul was pierced
by the sword of the cross.**

**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**

**Blessed is she whose soul was pierced
by the sword of the cross.**

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

We give you thanks, O God,
for the gift to the world of our Redeemer;
as we sing your glory at the close of this day,
so may we know his presence in our hearts,
who is our Saviour and our Lord,
now and for ever.

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 love
of the Word made flesh enfold us,
his joy fill our lives,
his peace be in our hearts;
and the blessing of God be with us
this night and always

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

The Angelus....

The angel of the Lord appeared unto Mary
and she conceived by the Holy Spirit

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.**

Behold, the handmaid of the Lord,
be it unto me, according to thy word

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.**

The Word became Flesh,
and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.**

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord,
thy Grace into our hearts,
that as we have known
the incarnation of thy Son, Jesus Christ
through the message of an angel,
so, by thy cross and passion,
we may be brought to the glories
of his resurrection. Amen