

Cuthbert Compline for Tuesday, S. Columba

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

Today is also the day on which the church remembers S. Columba; Abbot of Iona, a passionate and highly educated member of the a royal family who became poet, scribe and spiritual guide, lover of all God's creatures. He founded monasteries at Derry, Durrow and possibly Kells, before leaving Ireland potentially following a dispute, but as "an exile for Christ". He founded Iona, alongside twelve companions; a community that continues to bless people all around the world.

"I commend to you, my little children, these my last words: love one another unfeignedly. Peace. If you keep this course ... God, who strengthens the Good will help you..."

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

- *the clergy, people and community of S. Mary, Moseley, in the Birmingham Diocese*
- *and for the Peterborough Diocese.*

We begin by making the sign of the Cross

Preparation

We will lie down and sleep in peace for you alone, Lord,
make me dwell in safety.

O Creator and Spirit and Jesu, the Three,
from the crown of our heads, O Trinity,
to the soles of our feet our offering be.
Come we unto thee, O Jesu, my King –
O Jesu, do thou be our sheltering.

Time for reflection

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

I will not lie down tonight with sin,
nor shall sin, nor sin's shadow,
lie down with me.

Open now our hearts to you,
and fill us with the peace
that only you can give,
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

Hymn

Thou, whose eternal Word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the Gospel's day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,
life giving, holy Dove,
speed forth Thy flight;
move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and, in earth's darkest place,
let there be light!

Blessed and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might!
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide,
let there be light!

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Words from Psalmody

Taken from Psalm 91

Whoever has chosen to make the shelter
of the Most High their dwelling place
will stay in his over-shadowing.

He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;
he is my God, and I am trusting in him.

He will rescue you
from the traps laid for your feet,
and save you from the destroying curse.

His faithful promises are your armour,
you need no longer be afraid
of any terror by night,
or the death-arrow that flies by day.

The Lord himself is your refuge;
you have made the Most High
your stronghold.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold.

How precious to me
are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand.
When I awake, I am still with you.

**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.**

Scripture reading

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.'

*Matthew 5: 14-16
(Anglican Eucharistic lectionary for Tuesday after Trinity)*

Responsory

○ God of life, this night,
○ darken not to me thy Light.

○ God of life, this night,
close not thy gladness to my sight.

○ God of life, this night,
**thy door to me, ○ shut not tight,
○ God of life, this night.**

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...

Collect

Almighty God,
Who filled the heart of Columba
with the joy of the Holy Spirit
and with deep love for those in his care:
may your pilgrim people follow him,
strong in faith, sustained by hope,
and one in the love that binds us to you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, 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.**

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.**

**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**

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.**

Blessing and departure

**Be it on thine own beloved arm,
O God of Grace,
that we in peace shall waken.**

The peace of all peace be ours this night

**May the peace of the Lord Christ
go with us,
wherever we may wander,
may he guide us through the wilderness,
protect us through the storm.
May he bring us back rejoicing,
at the wonders he has shown us,
may he bring us back, rejoicing,
once again through those doors.**

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

Amen

Goodnight

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