

Compline : Night Prayer for Petertide

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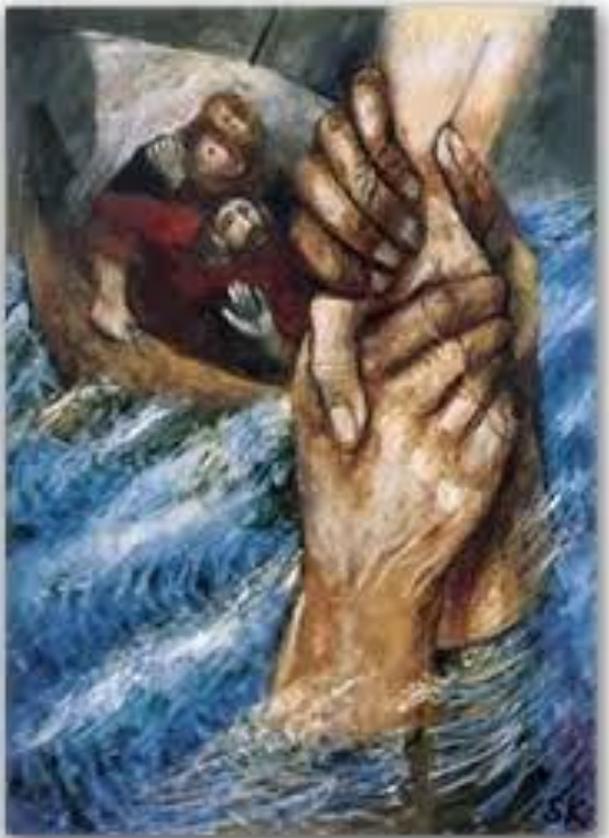


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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

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

- the Dean, clergy and ministry team, church family, and community, of Worcester Cathedral*
- and for the Llandaff Diocese*

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The angels of God guard us through the night,
and quieten the powers of darkness.

The Spirit of God be our guide
to lead us to peace and to glory.

Our help is in the name of the eternal God
**who is making the heavens
and the earth.**

Collect for Ss. Peter & Paul

Almighty God,
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul
glorified you in their death as in their life:
grant that your Church,
inspired by their teaching and example,
and made one by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
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

Hymn

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew,
me through change and chance
he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ, his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall

*Text: Robert Bridges
Music: Herbert Howells
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Dear God, thank you for all that is good,
for our creation and our humanity,
for the stewardship you have given us
of this planet earth,
for the gifts of life and of one another,
for your love,
which is unbounded and eternal.

O Thou, Most Holy and Beloved,
My Companion, my Unicorn,
my Guide upon the Way.

Words of love and penitence...

We grieve and confess
**that we hurt and have been hurt,
to the third and fourth generations,**

That we are so afraid of pain
**that we shield ourselves from being
vulnerable to others,
and refuse to be open and trusting as a
child**

O God of wholeness, we rest in you...
you listen with us
to the sound of running water,

you sit with us under the shade
of the trees of our healing,
you walk once more with us
in the garden in the cool of the day,
the oil of your anointing penetrates
the cells of our being,
the warmth of your hands steadies us
and gives us courage.

O God of wholeness, we rest in you.....

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being
and open our lips,
**that our mouths
may proclaim your praise.**

Let us worship the God of Love:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Psalmody

Those who trust in the Lord
are like Mount Zion,*
which cannot be moved,
but stands fast for ever.

As the hills stand about Jerusalem,*
so the Lord stands round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.

The sceptre of wickedness shall not hold sway
over the land allotted to the righteous,*
lest the righteous turn their hands to evil.

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.

Those who turn aside to crooked ways
the Lord shall take away with the evildoers;*
but let there be peace upon Israel.

**Glorious things are spoken of you, Zion,
city of our God.**

**Glory be to God,
sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,
as in the beginning, so now and forever.**

Amen.

Scripture reading

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

He said to them, **“But who do you say that I am?”**

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

And Jesus answered him, **“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”**

Matthew 16: 13-19

Taken from the Eucharistic readings for the day from the Anglican lectionary

Sonnet for S. Peter

Impulsive master of misunderstanding
You comfort me with all your big mistakes;
Jumping the ship before you make the landing,
Placing the bet before you know the stakes.
I love the way you step out without knowing,
The way you sometimes speak before you think,
The way your broken faith is always growing,
The way he holds you even when you sink.
Born to a world that always tried to shame you,
Your shaky ego vulnerable to shame,
I love the way that Jesus chose to name you,
Before you knew how to deserve that name.
And in the end your Saviour let you prove
That each denial is undone by love.

Fr. Malcolm Guite

<https://malcolmquite.wordpress.com/2012/06/29/a-sonnet-for-st-peter/>

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2nd Collect for Ss. Peter & Paul

Lord of the broken church,
whose chosen foundations
are marked by faultlines:
we thank you for the grace
that took the denier and the persecutor
and made them witnesses
to your liberating gifts;
through Jesus Christ,
who sets the prisoner free. **Amen**

Responsory

Into your hands, O God,
I commend my spirit,
**for you have redeemed me,
O God of truth and love.**

Keep me, O God, as the apple of an eye:
**hide me under the shadow
of your wings.**

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)

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

**Praise be to God,
I have lived to see this day.
God’s promise is fulfilled
and my duty done.
At last you have given me peace,
for I have seen with my own eyes
the salvation you have prepared
for all nations –
a light to the world in its darkness,
and the glory of your people, Israel.**

**Glory be to God,
sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,
as in the beginning, so now and forever.
Amen.**

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

Intercession...

A time of reflection, where we offer our faultlines to God, and the brokenness of the World, and we pray in Faith in his promises to redeem and lift up. We pray for our Church, that she may be a beacon of light and truth in the world, a Petrus : rock and refuge.

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

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,
**for it is in God alone
that I dwell unafraid.**

Let us bless the Life-Giver,
the Pain-Bearer, the Love-Maker
**let us praise and exalt God
above all for ever.**

May God's name be praised
beyond the furthest star;
**glorified and exalted above all for ever.
Amen.**

Watch between us dear God,
when we are absent from one another. Amen.

O God,
the Source of the whole world's gladness
and the bearer of its pain,
may your unconquerable joy
rest at the heart
of all our trouble and distress.

One or both of the following prayers may be prayed....

Be present, Living Christ, within us,
your dwelling place and home,
that all places may be ones where
all darkness is penetrated by your light,
all troubles calmed by your peace,
all evil redeemed by your love,
all pain transformed in your suffering.
and all dying glorified in your risen life.
Amen.

God bless us and keep us,
God's face shine on us and be gracious to us,
and give us light and peace.
Amen

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

Amen