

Compline : Night Prayer Plainsong for the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

Intercession...

A time of stillness, bringing 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 Wolverhampton Methodist Circuit*
- *and for the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury Methodist District*

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.

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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

Hear me when I call, O God
of my *right-eousness*:
thou hast set me at liberty
when I was in trouble;
have mercy upon me,
and hearken un-to my prayer.

O ye sons of men,
how long will ye blaspheme mine *ho-nour*:
and have such pleasure in vanity
and seek af-ter leasing?

Know this also,
that the Lord hath chosen to himself
the one that is *god-ly*:
when I call upon the Lord, he *will* hear me.

Stand in awe, and *sin*, not:
commune with your own heart,
and in your cham-ber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of *right-eousness*:
and put your *trust* in the Lord.

There be many that *say*:
who will shew *us* any good?

Lord, lift thou *up*:
the light of thy countenance *up-on* us.

Thou hast put gladness in my *heart*:
since the time that their corn and wine
and oil *in-creased*.

I will lay me down in peace and take my *rest*:
for it is thou, Lord only,
that makest me dwell *in* safety.

**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.**

Scripture reading

This is my commandment, that ye love one another,
as I have loved you.

John 15: 12

But this shall be the covenant that I will make with
the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord,
I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in
their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be
my people.

Jeremiah 31:33

Thanks be to God.

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 love of God was shown to us
in Christ our Saviour's wounded heart;
he asks us now to share his Cross
and in his passion take our part.

We are the Father's gift to Christ
who loves his own until the end,
whose burden light we bear with joy,
and gladly to his yoke we bend.

Where love and loving-kindness are,
the God of Love will always be;
he binds us with a weightless chain
that leaves the willing captive free.

Praise Father, Son and Spirit blest,
eternal Trinity sublime,
who make their home in humble hearts,
indwelling to the end of time.

*Benedictine nuns of Stanbrook Abbey (adapted)
(Stanbrook Abbey Hymnal)*

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

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Cantic)

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

**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**

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

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

Almighty God and Father,
we glory in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
thy beloved Son,
as we call to mind the great things
his love has done for us,
fill us with the grace that flows in abundance
from the Heart of Jesus,
the source of heaven's gifts,
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

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