

Compline : Night Prayer for after Vespers I of Sunday

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

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

- the priest, clergy team, people and
community of S. Martin, Barnehurst, in the
Rochester Diocese*
- and for the Oxford Diocese.*

O God, come to our aid,

O Lord, make haste to help us

**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. Alleluia**

Hymn

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended,
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church, unsleeping
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping
and rests not now by day nor night.

As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
our brethren 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

*Text: John Ellerton
Music: 'Saint Clement' Clement Cotterill Scholefield*

Psalmody

Lord have mercy and hear me

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;*
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me!

O my people,
how long will your hearts be closed,*
will you love what is futile
and seek what is false?

It is the Lord who grants favours
to those whom he loves; *
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

Fear him; do not sin:
ponder on your bed and be still.*
Make justice your sacrifice
and trust in the Lord

'What can bring us happiness?' many say. *
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord.

You have put into my heart a greater joy*
than they have from abundance
of corn and new wine.

I will lie down in peace
and sleep comes at once*
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety

.Psalm 4

**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.**

Lord have mercy and hear me

Bless the Lord through the night

O come, bless the Lord,*
all you who serve the Lord,
who stand in the house of the Lord,*
in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands to the holy place*
and bless the Lord through the night.

May the Lord bless you from Sion,*
he who made both heaven and earth.

**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.**

Bless the Lord through the night

Scripture reading

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will'.

Matthew 11: 25-26

Taken from the Anglican Eucharistic Lectionary for the day

Responsory

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

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.
**Into your hands, Lord,
I commend my spirit**

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

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...

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 Lord, while we are awake;
protect us while we sleep;
that we may keep watch with Christ,
and rest with him in peace.**

**At last, all-powerful Master,
you give leave to your servant
to go in peace,
according to your promise.**

**For my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have prepared for all nations,
the light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.**

**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 Lord, while we are awake;
protect us while we sleep;
that we may keep watch with Christ,
and rest with him in peace.**

Blessing and departure

Let us pray

Come to visit us, Lord, this night,
so that by your strength
we may rise at daybreak
to rejoice in the resurrection of Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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

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

Amen

Goodnight

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