

Compline: Night Prayer for Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Material in this service is from The Daily Office, SSF, Mowbray
2010*

*Collect from Fr. Steven Shakespeare, Prayers for an Inclusive
Church, Canterbury Press, Norwich, 2008*

*All songs and prayers are covered by copyright licences
CCLI 1104698, Calamus 2120*

The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

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

- *the priest, people and community of S.
David, Ely, Cardiff, in the Llandaff Diocese*
- *and for the Southwark Diocese.*

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.

A period of reflection on the past day...

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal:
have mercy on us.**

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 Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Alleluia**

Hymn

O Thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire
and still stir up the gift in me.

Still let me prove thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

*Text : Charles Wesley
Music: 'Hereford' Samuel Sebastien Wesley
(Hymns AMR 329)*

Psalmody

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live

Bless the Lord, O my soul.*
O Lord my God,
how excellent is your greatness!

You appointed the moon
to mark the seasons,*
and the sun knows the time for its setting.

You make darkness that it may be night,*
in which all the beasts of the forest
creep forth.

The lions roar for their prey*
and seek their food from God.

The sun rises and they are gone*
to lay themselves down in their dens.

People go forth to their work*
and to their labour until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!*
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the sea, spread far and wide,*
and there move creatures beyond number,
both small and great.

There go the ships,
and there is that Leviathan*
which you have made to play in the deep.

All of these look to you*
to give them their food in due season.

When you give it them, they gather it;*
you open your hand
and they are filled with good.

When you hide your face they are troubled;*
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit,
they are created,*
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;*
may the Lord rejoice in his works.

Psalm 104: 1, 21-33

**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.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live

Scripture reading

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying:

“Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty...

Matthew 13: 1-8

Taken from the Anglican Eucharistic Lectionary for the day

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

**Into your hands, O Lord,
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 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**

Intercession...

Holy God, in whom we live and move
and have our being,
we make our prayer to you, saying,
Lord hear us.

*holding each other 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

Divine Sower,
scattering seed,
never hoarding,
wasting life – or so the world thinks:
give us the depth to receive
the gift so freely given
and the maturity to revel
in love's abundant, reckless growth;
through Jesus Christ, the grain of life.

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 Risen Lord Jesus bless us,
may he watch over us and renew us
as he renews the whole of creation.
May our hearts and lives echo his love.

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