

Compline: Night Prayer for Thursday in Ordinary Time

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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, people and community of S.
David's Margam, Llandaff Diocese*
- *and for the Coventry 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

Behold, behold I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold I make all things new,
my promise is true for I am Christ the way."

Text and music: John Bell

Psalmody

**The Lord is at my right hand,
I shall not fall**

Preserve me, O God,
for in you have I taken refuge;*
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my Lord,
all my good depends on you.'

All my delight
is upon the godly that are in the land,*
upon those who are noble in heart.

Though the idols are legion that many run
after,*
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
neither make mention
of their names upon my lips.

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;*
in your hands alone is my fortune.

My share has fallen in a fair land;*
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord
who has given me counsel,*
and in the night watches
he instructs my heart.

I have set the Lord always before me;*
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart is glad,
and my spirit rejoices,*
my flesh also shall rest secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Death,*
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy*

and in your right hand
are pleasures for evermore.

Psalms 16

**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.**

**The Lord is at my right hand,
I shall not fall**

Scripture reading

And after getting into a boat he crossed the sea and came to his own town.

And just then some people were carrying a paralyzed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, **“Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.”**

Then some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.”

But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, **“Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and walk’? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Stand up, take your bed and go to your home.”** And he stood up and went to his home. When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.

Matthew 9: 1-8

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 Cantic)

**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

Keep watch, dear Lord,
with those who wake, or watch,
or weep this night,
and give your angels charge
over those who sleep.
tend the sick, give rest to the weary,
sustain the dying, calm the suffering,
and pity the distressed;
all for your love's sake,
O Christ our Redeemer.

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