

Compline : Night Prayer on Thursday

Commemoration of Florence Nightingale

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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 Priest, clergy, church family, and
community, of Ss. Philiup & James, Hallow,
in the Worcestershire Diocese*
- and for the Chelmsford 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.**

Hymn

God forgave my sin in Jesus' Name.
I've been born again in Jesus' Name.
And in Jesus' Name I come to you
to share his love as he told me to.

*He said: 'Freely, freely you have received;
Freely, freely give.
Go in my Name and because you believe,
others will know that I live.'*

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' Name,
in earth and heav'n in Jesus' Name.
And in Jesus' Name I come to you
to share his power as he told me to.

He said: 'Freely, freely you have received;

God gives us life in Jesus' Name,
he lives in us in Jesus' Name.
And in Jesus' Name I come to you
to share his peace as he told me to.

*He said: 'Freely, freely you have received;
Freely, freely give.
Go in my Name and because you believe,
others will know that I live.'*

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Psalmody

My body shall rest in safety

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you,
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God*
my happiness lies in you alone.'

He has put into my heart a marvellous love*
for the faithful ones who dwell in his land.
Those who choose other gods
increase their sorrows.
Never will I take their offerings of blood*
Never will I take their name upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you
who are my portion and cup;*
it is you yourself who are my prize.
The lot marked out for me is my delight: *
welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,*
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:*
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;*
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul
among the dead,*
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,
the fulness of joy in your presence,*
at your right hand, happiness for ever.

**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.**

My body shall rest in safety

Scripture reading

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”

Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, **seventy-seven times.**”

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Matthew 18: 21 – 19:1

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...

.... 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

Lord our God,
restore us again by the repose of sleep
after the fatigue of our daily work:
so that, continually renewed by your help,
we may serve you in body and soul.
Through Christ our Lord.

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.**