

Compline : Night Prayer for after Vespers II 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, church family, and
community, of St. John the Baptist, Claines,
in the Worcestershire Diocese
- and for the Manchester 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

**Lift high the Cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
til all the world adore his sacred Name**

Come, Christians follow
where our Saviour trod,
o'er death victorious,
Christ the Son of God.

Lift high the Cross....

Each new disciple of the Crucified
is called to bear the seal of him who died

Lift high the Cross....

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
of him who saves from fear of death and hell

Lift high the Cross....

Set up thy throne,
that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace

**Lift high the Cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
til all the world adore his sacred Name**

So let the world proclaim with one accord
the praise of our everliving Lord.

Lift high the Cross....

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Psalmody

**He will conceal you with his wings;
you will not fear the terror of the night.**

He who dwells in the shelter
of the Most High*
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,*
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

It is he who will free you from the snare*
of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;
he will conceal you with his pinions*
and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of the night*
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the plague that prowls in the darkness*
nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

A thousand may fall at your side,*
ten thousand fall at your right,
you it will never approach,*
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

Your eyes have only to look*
to see how the wicked are repaid,
you who have said: 'Lord, my refuge!'*
and have made the Most High your dwelling.

Upon you no evil shall fall,*
no plague approach where you dwell.
for you has he commanded his angels,*
to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands*
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
on the lion and the viper you will tread*
and trample the young lion and the dragon.

Since he clings to me in love, I will free him;*
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'*
I will save him in distress and give him glory.

With length of life I will content him;*
I shall let him see my saving power.

Psalm 91

**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.**

**He will conceal you with his wings;
you will not fear the terror of the night.**

Scripture reading

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

But he turned and said to Peter, "**Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.**"

Then Jesus told his disciples, "**If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.**"

Matthew 16: 21-28, NRSV

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 Cantic)

**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

God our Father,
as we have celebrated today the mystery
of the Lord's resurrection,
grant our humble prayer:
free us from all harm
that we may sleep in peace
and rise in joy to sing your praise.
Through Christ our Lord Amen.

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