

# Compline : Night Prayer for S. Bartholomew

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## The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

## Intercession...

*For this office, a time of stillness, to bring to mind those whom we pray for and hold them in God's love..., the needs of the world, the church, and those who have no-one to pray for them... and to offer thanksgiving. Keep these in your mind and heart during the Office, and let the music wrap and lift.*

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

- *S. Stephen, Barbourne, in the Worcester Diocese*
- *and for the Truro Diocese*

## Preparation

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

**Amen.**

Brethren be sober, be vigilant,  
because your adversary the devil,  
as a roaring lion, walketh about,  
seeking whom he may devour:  
whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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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 Ghost;  
**as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be;  
world without end. Amen**

Praise ye the Lord;  
**the Lord's Name be praised.**

## Psalmody

Hear me when I call, O God  
of my *right-eousness*:  
thou hast set me at liberty  
when I was in trouble;  
have mercy upon me,  
and hearken un-to my prayer.

O ye sons of men,  
how long will ye blaspheme mine *ho-nour*:  
and have such pleasure in vanity  
and seek af-ter leasing?

Know this also,  
that the Lord hath chosen to himself  
the one that is *god-ly*:  
when I call upon the Lord, he *will* hear me.

Stand in awe, and *sin*, not:  
commune with your own heart,  
and in your cham-ber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of *right-eousness*:  
and put your *trust* in the Lord.

There be many that *say*:  
who will shew *us* any good?

Lord, lift thou *up*:  
the light of thy countenance *up-on* us.

Thou hast put gladness in my *heart*:  
since the time that their corn and wine  
and oil *in-creased*.

I will lay me down in peace and take my *rest*:  
for it is thou, Lord only,  
that makest me dwell *in* safety.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be:  
world without end.  
Amen.**

## Scripture reading

For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

*1 Corinthians 4: 9-13*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory

Into thy hands, O Lord,  
I commend my spirit.  
**Into your hands, O Lord,  
I commend my spirit.**

For thou hast redeemed me,  
O Lord, thou God of truth  
**I commend my spirit.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
**Into thy hands, O Lord,  
I commend my Spirit**

## Hymn

In the roll of God's apostles  
one there stands, Bartholomew,  
he for whom today we fofer,  
year by year, our praises due;  
how he toiled for thee and suffered  
no one here can now recall;  
all his saintly life is hidden,  
all to him that did befall.

Was it he, beneath the fig tree  
seen of thee, and guileless found;  
he who saw the good he longed for  
rise from Nazareth's barren ground;

he who met his risen Saviour  
on the shore of Galilee;  
he to whom the word was spoken,  
"Greater things thou yet shall see"?

None can tell us; all is written  
in the Lamb's great book of life,  
all the faith, and prayer, and patience,  
all the toiling and the strife;  
there are told thy hidden treasures;  
number us, O Christ, with them,  
when thou makest up the jewels  
of thy living diadem.

*Text: John Ellerton*

*Tune: 'Hyfrydol', Rowland Pritchard*

Keep me as the apple of an eye.  
**Hide me under the shadow  
of thy wings**

## Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)

**Preserve us O Lord, while waking;  
and guard us while sleeping;  
that awake we may watch with Christ,  
and asleep may rest in peace.**

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant  
depart in *peace*:  
according to thy word.**

**For mine eyes have seen:  
thy *sal*-vation**

**Which thou hast *pre-par*-ed:  
before the face of *all* people.**

**To be a light to lighten the *Gen*-tiles:  
and to be the glory of thy *peo-ple* Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to *the* Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now  
and ever *shall* be:  
world without *end*. Amen**

**Preserve us O Lord, while waking;  
and guard us while sleeping;  
that awake we may watch with Christ,  
and asleep may rest in peace.**

## **Words of prayer, repentance and forgiveness....**

Lord, have mercy upon us  
**Christ, have mercy upon us**  
Lord, have mercy upon us

### **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. Amen.**

Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers;  
**To be praised and glorified**  
**above all for ever.**

Let us bless the Father, the Son  
and the Holy Ghost;  
**Let us praise him**  
**and magnify him for ever.**

Blessed art thou, O Lord,  
in the firmament of heaven;  
**to be praised and glorified**  
**above all for ever.**

The almighty and most merciful Lord  
guard us and give us his blessing.  
**Amen.**

We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the  
Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed, through our own  
grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to  
have mercy upon us.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us  
all our sins and deliver us from all evil,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and  
bring us to life everlasting. Through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;  
**that thy people may rejoice in thee?**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;  
**and grant us thy salvation.**

Vouchsafe, O Lord,  
to keep us this night without sin  
**O Lord, have mercy upon us,**  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lord, hear our prayer  
**and let our cry come unto thee.**

### **Collect**

Let us pray

O almighty and everlasting God,  
who didst give to thine Apostle Bartholomew  
grace to truly believe and to preach thy  
Word: grant, we beseech thee,  
unto thy Church, to love that Word  
which he believed,  
and both to preach and receive the same;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

### **Blessing and departure**

We will lay us down in peace,  
and take our rest;  
**For it is thou, Lord, only**  
**that makest us dwell in safety.**

The Lord be with you;  
**and with thy Spirit.**

Let us bless the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God.**

May the souls of the faithful,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
**Amen**

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

