

Ebba Compline

for Thursdays

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

In the cycle of prayer for this dispersed worshipping community: Tonight's Office Prayer is offered for

- *S. Leonard, Beoley, in the Worcester Diocese*
- *and for the Peterborough Diocese.*

† We begin by making the sign of the Cross

Preparation

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone:
my hope comes from him.

Come I this night to the Father,
come I this night to the Son,
come I to the Holy Spirit powerful:
come I this night to God.
Come I this night with Christ,
come I with the Spirit of kindness.
Come I to Thee, Jesus.
Jesus shelter me.

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

Open now our hearts to you,
and fill us with the peace
that only you can give,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

*A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.*

By this shall all know
that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.
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that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.

*A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.*

I am the true vine, my Father is the gard'ner,
Abide in me: I will be with you.
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Abide in me: I will be with you.

A new commandment....

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Psalmody for the day

Psalm 127 1-3

Unless the Lord builds the house, *
those who build it labour in vain.

Unless the Lord keeps the city,*
the guard keeps watch in vain.

It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early
and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil,
for he gives his beloved sleep.

**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.**

Scripture reading

*Do to others as you would have them do to you. If
you love those who love you, what credit is that to
you? For even sinners love those who love them. If
you do good to those who do good to you, what
credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.
Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.*

Luke 6: 31-33,36

Taken from the Anglican Eucharistic Lectionary for today

Responsory

We will lie down and sleep.
We wake again,
because the Lord sustains us.

By day the Lord directs his love;
at night his song is with us –
a prayer to the **God of our lives.**

Be strong and take heart,
all you who hope in the Lord.

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...

May God be in our sleep;
may Christ be in our dreams.
May the Spirit be in our repose,
in our thoughts, in our hearts,
in our souls, always,
may the Sacred Three dwell.

May the Father of heaven
have care of our souls,
his loving arm about our bodies
through each slumber and sleep of our lives

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, 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

Blessing and departure

The Son of God be shielding us from harm,
the Son of God be shielding us from ill,
the Son of God be shielding us with power.
The Son of God be shielding us this night.

Sleep, O sleep in the calm of each calm.
Sleep, O sleep in the guidance of all guidance.
Sleep, O sleep in the love of all loves.
Sleep, O beloved, in the God of life.

May the peace of the Lord Christ
go with us,
wherever we may wander,
may he guide us through the wilderness,
protect us through the storm.
May he bring us back rejoicing,
at the wonders he has shown us,
may he bring us back, rejoicing,
once again through those doors.

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

Amen

Goodnight