

Compline: Night Prayer for The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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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, Ely, Cardiff, in the Llandaff Diocese*
- *and for the Lincoln 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

Invitatory antiphon

Let us celebrate the birth of the Virgin Mary:
let us adore her Son, Christ the Lord.

Hymn

Ye who own the faith of Jesus
sing the wonders that were done,
when the love of God the Father
o'er sin vict'ry won
when he made the Virgin Mary
mother of his only Son.
Hail Mary, Hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace

For the sick and for the aged,
for our dear ones far away,
for the hearts that mourn in secret,
all who need our prayers today,
for the faithful gone before us,
may the Holy Virgin pray...
Hail Mary, Hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace

Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,
praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
praise the everlasting Spirit,
who hath made thee ark and throne;
o'er all creatures high exalted,
lowly praise the Three in One,
Hail Mary, Hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace

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Music: from the Paderborn Gesangbuch
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Psalmody

Into your hands I commend my spirit

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;*
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me;*
make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my stronghold;*
guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.

Take me out of the net
that they have laid privily for me,*
for you are my strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit,*
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord God of Truth.

How abundant is your goodness, O Lord,
which you have laid up
for those who fear you;*
which you have prepared in the sight of all
for those who put their trust in you,

You hide them in the shelter
of your presence
from those who slander them;*
you keep them safe in your refuge
from the strife of tongues.

Blessed be the Lord!*
For he has shown me his steadfast love
when I was as a city besieged.

I have said in my alarm,
'I have been cut off
from the sight of your eyes.'*
Nevertheless,
you heard the voice of my prayer.

Love the Lord, all you his servants;*
for the Lord protects the faithful,
but repays to the full the proud.

Be strong and let your heart take courage,*
all you who wait in hope for the Lord.

Psalm 31: 1-5, 19-24

**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.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit

Scripture reading

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother."

And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

John 19:25-27

Taken from the Anglican Eucharistic Lectionary for the day

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 Canticle)

**Blessed are you, Mary,
the Lord is with you:
through you we received our Redeemer
the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**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**

**Blessed are you, Mary,
the Lord is with you:
through you we received our Redeemer
the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

Lord God,
the day of our salvation dawned
when the Blessed Virgin
gave birth to your Son.
As we celebrate her nativity
grant us your peace
We make our prayer
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. 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 love of the Word made flesh
enfold us,
his joy fill our lives,
his peace be in our hearts;
and

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

The Angelus

The angel of the Lord appeared unto Mary
and she conceived by the Holy Spirit

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.

Behold, the handmaid of the Lord
let it be to me, according to thy Word

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.

The Word became flesh,
and dwelt amongst us.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.

Pray for us, holy Mother of God,
**that we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ**

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy
grace into our hearts; that, as we have
known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus
Christ through the message of an angel, so,
through his cross and passion, we may be
brought to the glories of his resurrection.

Amen.