

Compline : Night Prayer on Tuesdays

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The Gathering ...

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

- *The priest, people and community of
S. George, Barbourne in the Worcester
Diocese*
- *and for the Birmingham Diocese*

The angels of God guard us through the night,
and quieten the powers of darkness.

The Spirit of God be our guide
to lead us to peace and to glory.

God is Spirit, and those who worship God
must worship in Spirit and truth

John 4: 24

Our help is in the name of the eternal God
**who is making the heavens
and the earth.**

Hymn

I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind unto myself today
the power of God to hold and heal,
his eye to watch his might to stay,
his ear to hearken to my need;
the wisdom of my God to teach,
his hand to guide,
his shield to ward,
the Word of God to give me speech,
his heav'nly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me,

Christ within me,
Christ behind me,
Christ before me,
Christ beside me,
Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ in quiet,
Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name,
the strong Name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One and One in Three,
of whom all nature hath creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation:
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

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Music: 'S. Patrick's Breastplate'
(AMR 162)*

Dear God,
thank you for all that is good,
for our creation and our humanity,
for the stewardship you have given us
of this planet earth,
for the gifts of life and of one another,
for your love,
which is unbounded and eternal.

O Thou, Most Holy and Beloved,
my Companion, my Unicorn,
my Guide upon the Way.

Words of love and penitence...

Merciful God,
we have not loved you with our whole heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves.
Forgive what we have been,
accept us as we are,
and guide what we shall be...

O God of Mercy, we thank you....

You forgive our past sins,
you strengthen us in your gift of eternal life,
you shape us for glory,

O God of Mercy, we thank you.....

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being
and open our lips,
**that our mouths
may proclaim your praise.**

Let us worship the God of Love:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Psalmody

I will lift up my eyes to the mountains,
but where shall I find help?
From you alone, O God, does my help come,
Creator of the ever-changing hills.
You will not let me stumble
on the rough pathways,
you care for me
and watch over me without ceasing.
I am sure that the Guardian of Israel
neither slumbers nor sleeps.
The God of all peoples keeps watch,
like a shadow spread over me.
So the sun will not strike me by day,
nor the moon by night.
You will defend me in the presence of evil,
you will guard my life,
you will defend my going out
and my coming in,
this night and always.

Psalm 121

O God, I give you thanks
for the wisdom of your counsel,
even at night you have instructed my heart.
I have set your face always before me,
you are at my right hand and I shall not fall.
Therefore my heart is glad
and my spirit rejoices,
my flesh also shall rest secure.

Psalm 16: 1-8

**Glory be to God,
sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,
as in the beginning, so now and forever.
Amen.**

Scripture reading

Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath he taught the people. They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority.

In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an impure spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, "Go away! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

"Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. **"Come out of him!"**

Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.

All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!" And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

Luke 4: 31-37

Responsory

Into your hands, O God,
I commend my spirit,
**for you have redeemed me,
O God of truth and love.**

Keep me, O God, as the apple of an eye:
**hide me under the shadow of your
wings.**

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)

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

**Praise be to God,
I have lived to see this day.
God's promise is fulfilled
and my duty done.
At last you have given me peace,
for I have seen with my own eyes
the salvation you have prepared
for all nations –
a light to the world in its darkness,
and the glory of your people, Israel.**

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sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,
as in the beginning, so now and forever.
Amen.**

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

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.

Blessing and departure

**I will lie down in peace and take my rest,
for it is in God alone
that I dwell unafraid.**

**Let us bless the Life-Giver,
the Pain-Bearer, the Love-Maker
let us praise and exalt God
above all for ever.**

**May God's name be praised
beyond the furthest star;
glorified and exalted above all for ever.
Amen.**

**Watch between us dear God,
when we are absent from one another. Amen.**

Either of the following prayers may be prayed ...

**O God,
the Source of the whole world's gladness
and the bearer of its pain,
may your unconquerable joy
rest at the heart
of all our trouble and distress.**

**Be present, Living Christ, within us,
your dwelling place and home,
that all places may be ones where
all darkness is penetrated by your light,
all troubles calmed by your peace,
all evil redeemed by your love,
all pain transformed in your suffering.
and all dying glorified in your risen life.
Amen.**

**To God the Creator
who loved us first
and gave this world to be our home,**

**to God the redeemer who loves us
and by dying and rising
pioneered the way of freedom,**

**to God the Sanctifier
who spreads the divine love in our hearts,
be praise and glory for time and for eternity.**

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

Amen

Goodnight