

# Compline : Night Prayer for Michaelmas

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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*

- *the Houston Priory of the order of S. Anthony the Great, Atlanta*
- *and for the Durham 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**

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

*Revelation 12: 7-12*

**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**

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,  
raise the glad strain,  
alleluia.  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powr's,  
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,  
more glorious than the seraphim,  
lead their praises, alleluia.  
O Mary, bearer of the Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,  
alleluia, alleluia.  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
all saints triumphant, raise the song  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
supernal anthems echoing  
alleluia, alleluia.  
To God the Father, God the Son  
and God the Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia!

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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

Everlasting God,  
you have ordained and constituted  
the ministries of angels and mortals  
in a wonderful order:  
grant that as your holy angels always  
serve you in heaven,  
so, at your command,  
they may help and defend us on earth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**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**

Goodnight ....