

Compline : Night Prayer on Thursday S. Teresa of Avila

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

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

- *the Priest, and ministry team, church family, and community, of S. Andrew, Malvern, in the Worcester Diocese*
- *and for the Llandaff diocese*

S. Teresa of Avila... born at Avila in 1515, entered a carmelite convent, but suffered profound illness as a young woman. Eventually after a period of dry spirituality she experienced a revival and set about a reform of the Carmelite order, moving to a much more simple, and strict observance. She was also a deeply beautiful spiritual writer, writing about her experience of prayer in learning to receive God's gift of union with him in love, and sharing deeply honestly her fragilities and struggles. 'The Interior Castle' is a work that is still widely popular and read today – (book recommendation again!)

"accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul"

"I could be tempted by a sardine"

"God walks among the kitchen pots"

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.

**Words of sorrow,
love, mercy and forgiveness....**

Time of silence

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy**

**○ God make speed to save us.
○ Lord make haste to help us.**

**Glory 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.**

Hymn

As pants the hart for cooling streams
when heated in the chase,
so longs my soul, O God, for thee,
and thy refreshing grace.

For thee, my God, the living God
my thirsty soul doth pine:
I when shall I behold thy face,
thou majesty divine?

Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
hope still, and thou shalt sing
the praise of him who is thy God,
thy health's eternal spring.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

*Text : based on psalm 42
Music: 'Martyrdom' Hugh Wilson
(HON New Anglican 38)*

Psalmody

**The Lord is at my right hand;
I shall not fall**

Preserve me, O God,
for in you have I taken refuge,*
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,
all my good depends on you.'

All my delight is upon the godly
that are in the land,*
upon those who are noble in heart.

Though the idols are legion
that many run after,*
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
neither make mention of their names
upon my lips.

The Lord himself is my portion and cup;*
in your hands alone is my fortune.
My share has fallen in a fair land;*
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord
who has given me counsel,*
and in the night watches
he instructs my heart.
I have set the Lord always before me;*
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart is glad
and my spirit rejoices,*
my flesh also shall rest secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Death,*
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy*
and in your right hand
are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 16

**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.**

**The Lord is at my right hand;
I shall not fall**

Scripture reading

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its
taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no
longer good for anything, but is thrown out and
trampled under foot

Matthew 5: 13

*Taken from the Anglican Eucharistic Lectionary for the Lesser
Festival of S. Teresa of Avila, NRSV*

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.
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 Cantic)

**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.**

Intercession...

Bringing to mind those whom we pray for and holding them in God's love..., bringing the needs of the world, the church, those who have died, and those who have no-one to pray for them...

Collect

Keep watch, dear Lord,
with those who wake,
or watch,
or weep this night,
and give your angels
charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick,
give rest to the weary,
sustain the dying,
calm the suffering,
and pity the distressed;
all for your Love's sake,
O Christ our Redeemer. Amen

Collect for S. Teresa of Avila

Merciful God,
who by your Spirit raised up your servant
Teresa of Avila
to reveal to your Church
the way of perfection:
grant that her teaching may awaken in us
a longing for holiness,
until we attain to the perfect union of love
in 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.

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.

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