

Compline : Night Prayer

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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, clergy and ministry team, church family, and community, of S. George, Barbourne in Worcester Diocese*
- and for the S. David's Diocese*

Opening Responses

Peace on each one who comes in need
Peace on each one who comes in Joy

Peace on each one who offers prayers,
Peace on each one who offers song

Peace of the Maker, peace of the Son
Peace of the Spirit, the Triune One.

Song and response

O God, for your love for us,
warm and brooding,
which has brought us to birth
and opened our eyes
to the wonder and beauty of creation,
we give you thanks

Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am God

For your love for us, wild and freeing,
which has awakened us
to the energy of creation:
to the sap that flows,
the blood that pulses,
the heart that sings.
We give you thanks

I am the Lord, who saves and heals
I am the Lord, who saves and heals
I am the Lord, who saves and heals

For your love for us, strong and challenging,
which has called us to risk for you,
asked for the best in us,
and shown us how to serve
we give you thanks.

In you, O Lord I put my trust,
In you, O Lord I put my trust,
In you, O Lord I put my trust.

Song: Text anonymous. (STF 18)

Words of love, mercy and grace

O God, we come to celebrate
that your Holy Spirit
is present deep within us,
and at the heart of all life.

Forgive us when we forget your gift of love
made known to us in Jesus,
and draw us into your presence.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you
pardon and deliver you from all your sins
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Psalmody - Hymn

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in every moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning
through and through.
You are with me, beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

*Text and music: Bernadette Farrell, psalm 139
(STF 728)*

**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

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me."

But the Lord answered her, "**Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.**"

Luke 10: 38 - end

*Taken from the Anglican Eucharistic Lectionary for the day,
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.**

Intercession...

We bring to you, Lord, those whom we have met or remembered today and for whom we want to pray....

We come to you, Lord, with all who are hurting tonight and ask God's holding healing love...

We come to you, Lord, with a troubled situation in our world tonight...

We come to you, Lord, with in our hearts, someone whom we find hard to forgive or trust....

We come ourselves to you, Lord, that we might grow in generosity of spirit, clarity of mind, and warmth of affection....

We come to you, Lord, as your beloved, your Church, your body here on earth, and our communities... especially...

We come to you, Lord, as part of the Church worldwide and those who lead and guide us...

We come to you, eternal Loving God, bearing in our hearts those who those who have died, that they may know the peace and joy of life with God....

We come to you, Lord, with all who mourn, that they may know your strength and comfort...

We come to you, Lord, as day falls to night, asking your grace, your healing mercy, to enlarge our hearts with courage to grow, to reach out, to receive, to bear your grace....

To live with you seeking to build with you
your kingdom... to do justice, and to love
kindness, and to walk humbly with you, our
God

Collect

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating of Jesus Christ our Lord
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.

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

O Trinity of Love,
you have been with us
at the world's beginning
Be with us until the World's end

You have been with us at our life's shaping,
Be with us at our life's end.

You have been with us at the sun's rising
Be with us 'til the day's end

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