

Compline : Night Prayer on Sunday

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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. Timothy, Ely, in the Llandaff Diocese*
- *and for the S. Edmundsbury & Ipswich 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.

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

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light
the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ,
Let us confess our sins...

Time of silence

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

You came in word and sacrament
to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

You will come in glory
with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Absolution

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 life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

○ 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

Creator of the stars of night,
the people's everlasting light,
Redeemer, Saviour of us all,
O hear your servants when they call.

As once through Mary's flesh you came,
to save us from our sin and shame,
so now, Redeemer, by your grace,
come heal again our fallen race.

And when on that last judgement day,
we rise to glory from decay
then come again, O Saviour blest,
and bring us to eternal rest.

Text: Irvin Udulutsch OSB

Tune: 'conditur alme siderum' HON New Anglican Edition 102

Lighting of the Advent Ring

Song

Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray,
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon', we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness
changed for gladness on that day.

Text: Revd. Mark Earey

Music: 'Angel Voices' Edwin George Monk

STF 165

God of Abraham and Sarah,
and all the patriarchs of old,
you are our Father too.
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
Son of God, and Son of David.
Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit
to make her home among us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.

Amen.

Psalmody

**Turn us again, O God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.**

Hear, O shepherd of Israel,*
you that led Joseph like a flock;
Shine forth,
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,*
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your mighty strength*
and come to our salvation.

Turn us again, O God;*
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts*
how long will you
be angry at your people's prayer?

You feed them with the bread of tears;*
you give them abundance of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision
of our neighbours,*
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Turn us again, O God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

Psalm 80

**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.**

**Turn us again, O God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.**

Psalm Prayer

Faithful shepherd of your people,
as we look for the light of your countenance,
restore in us the image of your glory
and graft us into the risen life of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture reading

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he[a] is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Mark 13: 28 - 31

from the Anglican Eucharistic Lectionary for the day, NRSV

Hymn

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows as feast;
such a feast as medd in length;
such a strength as makes his guest.

Come my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert

*Music: 'The Call' RVW
(HON Liturgical 215)*

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)

**Come, O Lord, and visit us in peace;
that we may rejoice before you
with a perfect heart**

**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**

**Come, O Lord, and visit us in peace;
that we may rejoice before you
with a perfect heart**

Intercession...

Heavenly Father,
during this advent season
we thank you for feeding us
in body, mind and spirit.

In this dark time of the year
we are reminded of our need for light.
Prepare our hearts to hold more love,
so that the world's darkness may grow less
and the light of love shine brighter.

When we are cold and in darkness
warm and brighten us.
Where we are forgetful of our calling
remind and refresh us.
Where we have lost hope
revive and restore us.
Where we have lost our way
find us and set us once again
on the path of life.

Through the generations
your people waited in hope and expectation
Now in the darkness of this advent night
We relive that waiting with them,
relive that small bright hope
as it brightens into the full glory
as of the only begotten of the Father
come, Lord Jesus!

As we prepare ourselves
for the time when Christ
comes again in glory,
we pray for the grace and honesty
to see what needs transforming in our lives
as individuals, and as your beloved
your bride, the Church of God.
May we all be given a new energy
for walking in God's way,
clothed in the armour of light.

Susan Sayers,

*From David Adam et al, Prayers for Public Worship: Advent and
the season of Christmas, Kevin Mayhew, 2012.*

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away
the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us
in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again
in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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

Restore us again, O God of hosts;
show us the light of your countenance
and we shall be saved.
Bless and keep us this night and always.

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