

Compline : Night Prayer on Thursdays

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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, clergy team and people and community of S. Michael & Wulfad, Stone with S. Saviour Aston in the Lichfield Diocese*
- *and for the Canterbury Diocese*

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 love and penitence...

**Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven
and one another,
that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

Favour us Lord, and deliver us
Lord, come quickly and help us.

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.**

Song

He who would valiant be
'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy
follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim

Who so beset her round
with dismal stories
do but themselves confound –
her strength the more is.
No foes shall stay her might,
'though she with giants fight:
he will make good his right
to be a pilgrim

Since, Lord, thou dost defend
us with thy Spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies, flee away!
I'll fear not what the world says,
I'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim

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Psalmody

You, Lord, are my portion, my cup

Protect me, God,
because I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord.
Apart from you, I have nothing good."

Now as for the "holy ones" in the land,
the "magnificent ones"
that I was so happy about;
let their suffering increase
because they hurried after a different god.
I won't participate in their blood offerings;
I won't participate in their blood offerings;
I won't let their names cross my lips.

You, Lord, are my portion, my cup;
You control my destiny.

The property lines
have fallen beautifully for me;
yes, I have a lovely home.
I will bless the Lord who advises me;
even at night I am instructed
in the depths of my mind.

I always put the Lord in front of me;
I will not stumble
because he is on my right side.

That's why my heart celebrates
and my mood is joyous;
Yes, my whole body will rest in safety
because you won't abandon my life
to the grave;
you won't let your faithful follower
see the pit.

You teach me the way of life.
In your presence is total celebration.
Beautiful things are always in your right hand.

**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.**

You, Lord, are my portion, my cup

Psalm Prayer

Give to us, Lord Christ,
the fullness of grace,
your presence and your very self,
for you are our portion and our delight
now and forever.

Scripture reading

But the one who endures to the end will be delivered. This gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world as a testimony to all the nations.

*Matthew 24: 13 – 14a
Reading set in the office for today*

Therefore since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ...

endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's Love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Romans 5: 1, 4-5

Responsory

Lord, I entrust my spirit into your hands.
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For you, Lord, God of faithfulness –
you have saved me.
Lord, I entrust my spirit into your hands.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit
Lord, I entrust my spirit into your hands.

Keep me, O God, as the apple of an 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, Master, let your servant
go in peace according to your word,
because my eyes have seen
your salvation.**

**You prepared this salvation
in the presence of all peoples.**

**It's a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and a glory for 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 ever shall be;**

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...

*..... 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.**

Collect

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;
may your holy angels dwell with us
and guard us in peace,
and may your blessing be always upon us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessing and departure

We will lie down and fall asleep in peace,
**because you alone, Lord,
let us live 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

Goodnight