

Compline : Night Prayer on Saturday

S. Dyfrig

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The Gathering ...

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

- The Bridge Church Methodist-Anglican LEP,
in Redditch, in the Worcester Diocese*
- and for the Manchester Diocese*

*S. Dyfrig, born around 460, first bishop of the area
which would later become the Diocese of Llandaff
(home of many who #PrayTogether compline). He
was a man with a gospel to share; he founded a
number of monastic schools, from which students
travelled out to found new communities. He would
spend Lent on Caldey Island, but retired to Bardsey
island as a hermit. His body is laid to rest at Llandaff
cathedral, one of the Patrons of the Cathedral.*

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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

Collect for S. Dyfrig

Almighty God,
the light of the faithful and shepherd of souls,
who gave your servant Dyfrig
to be a bishop in the Church
and to preach the gospel
to the people of Wales:
give us, your servants,
such faith and power of love,
that as we rejoice in his triumph,
we may profit by his example;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory. **Amen.**

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.**

Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim though this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer,
be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
bear me through the swelling current,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

*Text: William Williams trans. Peter Williams
Music 'cwm rhondda' John Hughes
(HON New Anglican 188)*

Psalmody

God's faithfulness is a protective shield

Living in the Most High's shelter,
camping in the Almighty's shade,
I say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge, my stronghold!
You are my God – the one I trust!"

God will save you from the hunter's trap
and from the deadly sickness.
God will protect you with his pinions;
you will find refuge under his wings.
His faithfulness is a protective shield.

Don't be afraid of terrors at night,
arrows that fly in daylight,
or sickness that prowls in the dark,
destruction that ravages at noontime.

Even if one thousand people
fall dead next to you,
ten thousand right beside you –
it will not come near you.
just look with your eyes,
and you will see the wicked punished.

Because you've made the Lord my refuge,
the Most High, your place of residence –
no evil will happen to you;
no disease will come close to your tent.

Because he will order his messengers
to help you,
to protect you wherever you go.
They will carry you with their own hands
so you don't bruise your foot on a stone.

You'll march on top of lions and vipers;
you'll trample young lions
and serpents underfoot.

God says, "because you are devoted to me,
I'll rescue you.
I'll protect you because you know my name.

Whenever you cry out to me, I'll answer.
I'll be with you in troubling times,
I'll save you and glorify you.
I'll fill you full with old age.
I'll show you my salvation."

**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.**

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Psalm Prayer

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
and, as you have bound us to yourself in love,
leave us not who call upon your name,
but grant us your salvation,
made known in the cross
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture reading

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.'

For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"

And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Luke 18 : 1-8

(from the Anglican additional weekday lectionary for the day)

Responsory

Lord, I entrust my spirit into your hands.
**Lord, I entrust my spirit
into your hands.**

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 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, 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.**

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and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep may rest in peace.**

Bidding Prayers...

God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the
Spirit of power, and love, and self-control.
With complete confidence we pray:
Father, send us your Spirit

By the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary
brought Christ into the world: through the
Church, through the hearts of your beloved
children, may Christ be born again today in
the hearts of all peoples
Father, send us your spirit

Father, may your Spirit lead us forward out of
solitude: lead us to open the eyes and ears of
hearts, to proclaim the Word of Light, and
reap together the harvest of Life.
Father, send us your spirit

Let our sharing of your kingdom not fall short
through selfishness or fear: may the universe
be alive with the Spirit, and our homes the
pledge of a world redeemed.
Father, send us your spirit.

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

Stay with us, O God, this night
so that by your strength
we may rise with the new day
to rejoice in the resurrection of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Saviour.
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.

Salve Regina

Hail holy Queen, mother of mercy;
our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To you do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve;
to you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears;
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb,
Jesus
O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.
Amen.

Pray for us, holy mother of God.

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

Amen

Goodnight