

Compline : Night Prayer for after Vespers II of Sunday

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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, church family, and community, of S. Mary the Virgin, Leigh in the Manchester Diocese
- and for the Llandaff Diocese

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.

Prophet voices loudly crying,
Making pathways clear,
Glimpsing glory, self-denying,
Calling all to hear.

Through their message – challenged, shaken –
Hearts awaken:
God is near!

*Text: Revd. Mark Earey
Music: 'Angel Voices' Edwin George Monk
STF 165*

God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.
You helped them to spread the joyful message
of his coming kingdom.
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
to share with those around us
the good news of your power and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.
Amen.

○ God, come to our aid,
○ Lord, make haste to help us

**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. Alleluia**

Hymn

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in glorious majesty;
we who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears:
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
with what rapture
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars.

Sing, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
come, Lord Jesus! Come, Lord Jesus!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Everlasting God, come down!

*Text: Charles Wesley
Music: 'Helmsley' John Wesley
(STF 177)*

Psalmody

**He will conceal you with his wings;
you will not fear the terror of the night.**

He who dwells in the shelter
of the Most High*
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,*
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

It is he who will free you from the snare*
of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;
he will conceal you with his pinions*
and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of the night*
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the plague that prowls in the darkness*
nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

A thousand may fall at your side,*
ten thousand fall at your right,
you it will never approach,*
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

Your eyes have only to look*
to see how the wicked are repaid,
you who have said: 'Lord, my refuge!'*
and have made the Most High your dwelling.

Upon you no evil shall fall,*
no plague approach where you dwell.
for you has he commanded his angels,*
to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands*
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
on the lion and the viper you will tread*
and trample the young lion and the dragon.

Since he clings to me in love, I will free him;*
protect him for he knows my name.

When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'*
I will save him in distress and give him glory.

With length of life I will content him;*
I shall let him see my saving power.

Psalm 91

**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.**

**He will conceal you with his wings;
you will not fear the terror of the night.**

Scripture reading

Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

*Mark 1: 6-8 NRSV
Taken from the Anglican Eucharistic Lectionary Reading for the day*

Responsory

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit,
**Into your hands, Lord,
I commend my spirit**

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.
**Into your hands, Lord,
I commend my spirit**
Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
**Into your hands, Lord,
I commend my spirit**

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...

Advent Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God
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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)

Save us Lord, while we are awake;
protect us while we sleep;
that we may keep watch with Christ,
and rest with him in peace.

At last, all-powerful Master,
you give leave to your servant
to go in peace,
according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have prepared for all nations,
the light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.

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 Lord, while we are awake;
protect us while we sleep;
that we may keep watch with Christ,
and rest with him in peace.

Blessing and departure

Let us pray

God our Father,
as we have celebrated today the mystery
of the Lord's resurrection,
grant our humble prayer:
free us from all harm
that we may sleep in peace
and rise in joy to sing your praise.
Through Christ our Lord Amen.

The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect
end.

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

Amen