

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, (Fr. Philip Masson) church family,
and community, of S. All Saints and S. John
the Baptist, Porthcawl, in the Llandaff
Diocese
- and for the S. Edmundsbury and Ipswich
Diocese

O God, come to our aid,

O 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**

Carol

Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

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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

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and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
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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

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

Luke 2: 16-19

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...



In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Father, in this holy night,
your Son our Saviour
was born in human flesh.
Renew your Church
as the Body of Christ.
Holy God
hear our prayer.

In this holy night there was no room
for your Son in the inn.
Protect with your love
those who have no home
and all who live in poverty.
Holy God
Hear our prayer.

In this holy night Mary,
in the pain of labour,
brought your Son to birth.
Hold in your hand
all who are in pain or distress.
Holy God
hear our prayer

In this holy night strangers found
the Holy Family,
and saw the baby lying
in the manger.
Bless our homes
and all whom we love.
Holy God
hear our prayer.

Father, in this holy night
angels and shepherds worshipped at
the manger throne.
Receive the worship we offer
in fellowship with Mary,
Joseph and the saints
through him who is your Word made flesh
Our Saviour Jesus Christ
Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us
in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that,
as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Cantic)

**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