

Compline : Night Prayer for Advent

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

Intercession...

For this office, a time of stillness, to bring to mind those whom we pray for and hold them in God's love..., the needs of the world, the church, and those who have no-one to pray for them... and to offer thanksgiving. Keep these in your mind and heart during the Office, and let the music wrap and lift.

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

- *The Nene crossing Benefice in the Peterborough Diocese*
- *and for the Lichfield 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!

John the Baptist, by his preaching
and by water poured,
brought to those who heard his teaching
news of hope restored:
'Keep your vision strong and steady,
and be ready
for the Lord'

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Music: 'Angel Voices' Edwin George Monk
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Preparation

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

Amen.

Brethren be sober, be vigilant,
because your adversary the devil,
as a roaring lion, walketh about,
seeking whom he may devour:
whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Thanks be to God.

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O God, make speed to save us,
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
**as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be;
world without end.
Amen**

Praise ye the Lord;
the Lord's Name be praised.

Psalmody

Hear me when I call, O God
of my *right-eousness*:
thou hast set me at liberty
when I was in trouble;
have mercy upon me,
and hearken un-to my prayer.

O ye sons of men,
how long will ye blaspheme mine *ho-nour*:
and have such pleasure in vanity
and seek af-ter leasing?

Know this also,
that the Lord hath chosen to himself
the one that is *god-ly*:
when I call upon the Lord, he *will* hear me.

Stand in awe, and *sin*, not:
commune with your own heart,
and in your cham-ber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of *right-eousness*:
and put your *trust* in the Lord.

There be many that *say*:
who will shew *us* any good?

Lord, lift thou *up*:
the light of thy countenance *up-on* us.

Thou hast put gladness in my *heart*:
since the time that their corn and wine
and oil *in-creased*.

I will lay me down in peace and take my *rest*:
for it is thou, Lord only,
that makest me dwell *in* safety.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

Scripture reading

But what think ye?
A certain man had two sons; and he came to the
first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.

He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he
repented, and went. And he came to the second,
and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go,
sir: and went not. Whether of them twain did the
will of his father?

They say unto him, The first.

Jesus saith unto them, *Verily I say unto you, That
the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of
God before you. For John came unto you in the way
of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the
publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye,
when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that
ye might believe him*

*Matthew 18: 12-14
From the Anglican Eucharistic lectionary for the day*

Thanks be to God.

Responsory

Into thy hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.
**Into your hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.**

For thou hast redeemed me,
O Lord, thou God of truth
I commend my spirit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
**Into thy hands, O Lord,
I commend my Spirit**

Hymn

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

As once through Mary's flesh thou camst,
to save us from our sin and shame,
so now, Redeemer, by thy 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.
Amen.

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

Keep me as the apple of an eye.
**Hide me under the shadow
of thy wings**

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)

**Preserve us O Lord, while waking;
and guard us while sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep may rest in peace.**

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant
depart in *peace*:
according to thy word.**

**For mine eyes have seen:
thy *sal*-vation**

**Which thou hast *pre-par*-ed:
before the face of *all* people.**

**To be a light to lighten the *Gen*-tiles:
and to be the glory of thy *peo-ple* Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to *the* Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now
and ever *shall* be:
world without end.
Amen**

**Preserve us O Lord, while waking;
and guard us while sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep may rest in peace.**

Words of prayer, repentance and forgiveness....

Lord, have mercy upon us

Christ, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mercy upon us

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.**

Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers;
**To be praised and glorified
above all for ever.**

Let us bless the Father, the Son
and the Holy Ghost;
**Let us praise him
and magnify him for ever.**

Blessed art thou, O Lord,
in the firmament of heaven;
**to be praised and glorified
above all for ever.**

The almighty and most merciful Lord
guard us and give us his blessing.
Amen.

We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed, through our own
grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to
have mercy upon us.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;
that thy people may rejoice in thee?

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
and grant us thy salvation.

Vouchsafe, O Lord,
to keep us this night without sin
**O Lord, have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us.**

O Lord, hear our prayer
and let our cry come unto thee.

Collect

Let us pray

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever

Amen

Blessing and departure

We will lay us down in peace,
and take our rest;
**For it is thou, Lord, only
that makest us dwell in safety.**

The Lord be with you;
and with thy Spirit.

Let us bless the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

May the souls of the faithful,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen

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

Amen

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