

# Compline : Night Prayer for Advent

## O Rex Gentium

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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 Priory of the Order of S Anthony the Great, in Houston, Texas*
- *and for the Worcester 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.

Mary's gift, beyond all telling,  
was to give Christ room.  
She gave God a human dwelling  
in a mother's womb.  
Who could guess the final story?  
- Cross and glory:  
empty tomb!

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

## Today's 'O' Antiphon

O King of the Gentiles, and their Desire, the  
Cornerstone, who madest both one: Come  
and save us, whom thou hast made out of the  
dust of the earth.

## 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***

And Mary said,  
My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded the low estate of his  
handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all  
generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath done to me great things;  
and holy is his name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him from  
generation to generation.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath  
scattered the proud  
in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seats,  
and exalted them of low degree.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things;  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He hath helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy;  
As he spake to our fathers,  
to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.  
And Mary abode with her about three months, and  
returned to her own house.

*Luke 1: 46 - 56*

*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

O Come, now Rod of Jesse's stem,  
from every foe deliver them  
that trust thy mighty power to save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel!*

O come, now Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heaven'ly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel!*

O come, now Day-spring from on high,  
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel!*

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of humankind;  
bid now our sad divisions cease,  
and be yourself our King of peace

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel!*

*Text: Universalis, The Divine Office*

*Tune: 'Veni veni Emmanuel' from a French missal*

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, when he comes, find us  
watching and waiting.

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

**Amen**