

Compline : Night Prayer on Thursday

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

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

- *the Bromsgrove and Redditch Methodist Circuit*
- *and for the Peterborough 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.

Hymn

At the name of Jesus, ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who, from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
all the angels' faces, all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heav'nly orders in their great array.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant,
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

All creation, name him,
with love as strong as death;
but with awe and wonder,
and with bated breath.
He is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

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Psalmody

My body shall rest in safety

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you,
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God*
my happiness lies in you alone.'

He has put into my heart a marvellous love*
for the faithful ones who dwell in his land.
Those who choose other gods
increase their sorrows.
Never will I take their offerings of blood*
Never will I take their name upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you
who are my portion and cup,*
it is you yourself who are my prize.
The lot marked out for me is my delight: *
welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,*
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:*
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;*
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul
among the dead,*
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,
the fulness of joy in your presence,*
at your right hand, happiness for ever.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

My body shall rest in safety

Scripture reading

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you are willing, you have the power to make me clean.'

Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I am willing. Be made clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

Mark 1: 40 - end

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...

.... 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...

**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

Lord our God,
restore us again by the repose of sleep
after the fatigue of our daily work:
so that, continually renewed by your help,
we may serve you in body and soul.
Through Christ our Lord.

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.**