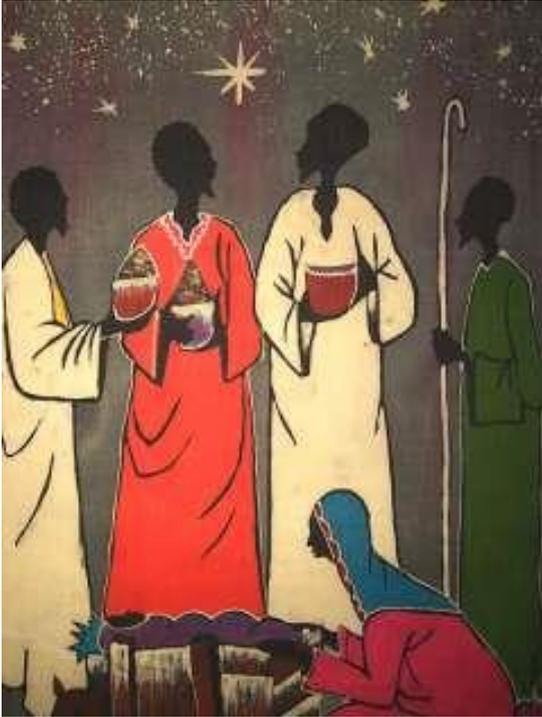


# Compline : Night Prayer on Tuesday *Epiphanytide*

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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 Vineyard Church, in Cardiff*
- *and for the Liverpool Diocese*

## **Preparation**

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

**Amen.**

Our help is in the Name of the Lord  
**who made heaven and earth.**

**Words of sorrow,  
love, mercy and forgiveness....**

*Time of silence*

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy**

○ God make speed to save us.  
○ Lord make haste to help us.

**Glory 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**

Bethlehem of noblest cities  
none can once with thee compare:  
thou alone the Lord from heaven  
didst for us incarnate bear.

Fairer than the sun at morning  
was the star that told his birth;  
to the lands their God announcing,  
seen in human form on earth.

By its peerless beauty guided  
See the eastern kings appear;  
Bowing low, their gifts they offer,  
Gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.

Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:  
incense doth the God disclose,  
Gold the King of kings proclaimeth,  
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.

In thy glory, O Lord Jesus,  
to the gentile world displayed,  
with the Father and the Spirit  
endless praise to thee be paid.

*From the Breviary, Vol I, 2016*

## ***Psalmody***

**Show me, O Lord,  
the way that I should walk in**

*Psalm 143*

Hear my prayer, O Lord,  
and in your faithfulness  
give ear to my supplications; \*  
answer me in your righteousness.

Enter not into judgement with your servant,\*  
for in your sight  
shall no one living be justified.

For the enemy has pursued me,  
crushing my life to the ground,\*  
making me sit in darkness  
like those long dead.

My spirit faints within me; \*  
my heart within me is desolate.

I remember the time past;  
I muse upon all your deeds; \*  
I consider the works of your hands.

I stretch out my hands to you;\*  
my soul gasps for you like a thirsty land.

O Lord, make haste to answer me;  
my spirit fails me;\*  
hide not your face from me  
lest I be like those who go down to the Pit.

Let me hear of your loving-kindness  
in the morning,  
for in you I put my trust; \*  
show me the way I should walk in,  
for I lift up my soul to you.

Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies,\*  
for I flee to you for refuge.

Teach me to do what pleases you,  
for you are my God;\*  
let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.

Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake;\*  
for your righteousness' sake,  
bring me out of trouble.

In your faithfulness, slay my enemies,  
and destroy all the adversaries  
of my soul, \*  
for truly I am your servant.

**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.**

**Show me, O Lord,  
the way that I should walk in**

## ***Scripture reading***

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "**Follow me.**" Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"  
Philip said to him, "Come and see."

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "**Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!**"

Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?"

Jesus answered, "**I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.**"

Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

Jesus answered, "**Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.**" And he said to him, "**Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.**"

*John 1: 43 - 51*

*from the Anglican Eucharistic Lectionary for the day, NRSV*

## ***Responsory***

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

For you have redeemed me,  
Lord God of truth.

**I commend my spirit.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to  
the Holy Spirit.

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

Keep me as the apple of your eye,

**Hide me under the shadow  
of your wings.**

### ***Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)***

**Alleluia.**

**Christ the Light of the world, alleluia,  
has manifested his glory,  
Alleluia, alleluia**

**Now, Lord,**

**you let your servant go in peace\*  
your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation\*  
which you have prepared  
in the sight of every people;**

**A light to reveal you to the nations\*  
and the glory of your people, Israel.**

**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**

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### ***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... prayers for those  
who are unwell, those who have died, and those  
who mourn*

## **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.**

### **Collect**

King of kings and Lord of lords,  
making the true light to shine:  
lighten our darkness now and evermore  
that with our lips and in our lives  
we may praise you;  
for you are God, now and for ever

**Amen**

### ***Blessing and departure***

In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in  
safety.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
**for the night is at hand  
and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning,  
**so do we look for you, O Christ**

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