

# Compline : Night Prayer

## *The Baptism of the Lord*

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### **The Gathering ...**

#### Welcome and introduction

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

- *the community of S. Padarn's Institute, Theological College, in Llandaff Diocese*
- *and for the Manchester Diocese.*

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The angels of God guard us through the night,  
**and quieten the powers of darkness.**

The Spirit of God be our guide  
**to lead us to peace and to glory.**

Our help is in the name of the eternal God  
**who is making the heavens  
and the earth.**

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We praise you, loving Father,  
for the gift of your Son Jesus.  
He was baptized in the River Jordan,  
where your Spirit came upon him  
and revealed him as the Son you love.  
He sent his followers  
to baptize all who turn to him.

Heavenly Father,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit  
you give your faithful people  
new life in the water of baptism.  
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,  
that we who are born again  
may serve you in faith and love,

and grow into the full stature of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **Words of love and penitence...**

Because God was merciful,  
he saved us through the water of rebirth  
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.  
But through sin we have fallen away  
from our baptism.

Let us return to the Lord  
and renew our faith in his promises.

We have wounded your love:  
**O God, heal us.**

We stumble in the darkness:  
**Light of the world, transfigure us.**

We forget that we are your home:  
**Spirit of God, dwell in us.**

### **Renewal of Baptism Vows**

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness  
into his marvellous light.  
To follow Christ means dying to sin  
and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion  
against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption  
of evil?

**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us  
from God and neighbour?

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ,  
the Way, the Truth and the Life?

**I come to Christ.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



Water of Life, cleanse and re-fresh us; Raise us to life in Christ Je - sus.

All you who thirst, come to the waters; and you will never be thirsty again.

**Water of life, cleanse and refresh us;  
Raise us to life in Christ Jesus.**

Dying with Christ, so we shall rise with him,  
Death shall no longer have power over us.

**Water of life, cleanse and refresh us;  
Raise us to life in Christ Jesus.**

Turn to the Lord, cast off your evil,  
you will find peace in his infinite love.

**Water of life, cleanse and refresh us;  
Raise us to life in Christ Jesus.**

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Dear God, thank you for all that is good,  
for our creation and our humanity,

for the stewardship you have given us  
of this planet earth,  
for the gifts of life and of one another,  
for your love,  
which is unbounded and eternal.

O Thou, Most Holy and Beloved,  
My Companion, my Unicorn,  
my Guide upon the Way.

O God of Joy, we rejoice in you...  
You run to meet us like a welcoming friend,  
you laugh with us in the merriment of heaven,  
you feast with us at the great banquet,  
O God of Joy, we rejoice in you....

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being  
and open our lips,  
**that our mouths  
may proclaim your praise.**

Let us worship the God of Love:  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Song

Jubilate Deo, omnis terra  
Servite domino in Laetitia  
Alleluia! Alleluia, in Laetitia  
Alleluia! Alleluia, in Laetitia

*Rejoice in God all the earth, serve the Lord in gladness, alleluia!*

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## Psalmody

**Lord, you are full of forgiveness  
and grace**

From the deep places of my soul  
I praise you, O God:  
I lift up my heart and glorify your holy name.

From the deep places of my soul  
I praise you, O God:  
How can I forget all your goodness  
towards me?

You forgive all my sin,  
you heal all my weakness,

you rescue me from the brink of disaster,  
you crown me with mercy and compassion.

You satisfy my being with good things,  
so that my youth is renewed like an eagle's.

You fulfil all that you promise,  
justice for all the oppressed.  
You made known your ways to Moses  
and all the people saw your deeds.

You are full of forgiveness and grace  
endlessly patient, faithful in love,  
you do not haunt us with our sins,  
nor nurse grievances against us.

You do not repay evil with evil,  
for you are greater than our sins.  
As vast as the heavens are  
in comparison with the earth,  
so great is your love to those who trust you.

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far do you fling our sins from us,  
Just as parents are merciful to their children,  
so are you merciful and kind towards us.

For you have triumphed  
over the power of death,  
and draw us to your presence  
with songs of joy.

We hear the echo of your angels praising you,  
and the whole communion of your saints,  
those who have walked in your narrow ways,  
and heard the voice of your yearning,  
whose food is to do your will,  
and in whom you take great delight.

From the widest bounds of the universe  
to the depths of my very being,  
the whispers and cries of joy  
vibrate to a shining glory,  
O God, our beginning and our end.

**Glory be to God,  
sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,  
as in the beginning, so now and forever.  
Amen.**

**Lord, you are full of forgiveness  
and grace**

## **Scripture reading**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him.

And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased'.

*Mark 1: 9 – 11*

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**The Lord will bless his people,  
will bless his people with peace.**

O give the Lord you children of God,  
give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his Name,  
adore the Lord in his holy court.

**The Lord will bless his people,  
will bless his people with peace.**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,  
the Lord on the immensity of waters;  
the voice of the Lord, full of power,  
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour

**The Lord will bless his people,  
will bless his people with peace.**

## **Responsory**

Into your hands, O God,  
I commend my spirit,  
**for you have redeemed me,  
O God of truth and love.**

Keep me, O God, as the apple of an eye:  
**Hide me under the shadow  
of your wings.**

## **Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Cantic)**

**Alleluia,  
all nations shall come before God,  
alleluia.  
And they will glorify God's holy name,  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise be to God,  
I have lived to see this day.  
God's promise is fulfilled  
and my duty done.**

**At last you have given me peace,  
for I have seen with my own eyes  
the salvation you have prepared  
for all nations –  
a light to the world in its darkness,  
and the glory of your people, Israel.**

**Glory be to God,  
sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,  
as in the beginning, so now and forever.  
Amen.**

**Alleluia,  
all nations shall come before God,  
alleluia.  
And they will glorify God's holy name,  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

### ***Intercession...***

*We pray specific intentions to be held in God's love...*

### **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.**

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

**I will lie down in peace and take my rest,  
for it is in God alone  
that I dwell unafraid.**

Let us bless the Life-Giver,

the Pain-Bearer, the Love-Maker  
**let us praise and exalt God  
above all for ever.**

May God's name be praised  
beyond the furthest star;  
**glorified and exalted above all for ever.  
Amen.**

Watch between us dear God,  
when we are absent from one another. Amen.

O God,  
the Source of the whole world's gladness  
and the bearer of its pain,  
may your unconquerable joy  
rest at the heart  
of all our trouble and distress.

O God of love and mercy, grant us,  
with all your people, rest and peace.

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

**Amen**

*Goodnight ....*

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