

Compline : Night Prayer on Thursdays

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The Gathering ...

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

- *The clergy team and people and community of The Bridge Church Redditch in the Worcester Anglican Diocese and Birmingham Methodist Circuit*
- *and for the Lichfield Diocese*

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 love and penitence...

Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven
and one another,
that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

Favour us Lord, and deliver us
Lord, come quickly and help us.

Psalm 16

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

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem;
 anthems be to thee addressed:
 God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
prophet, priest and King supreme,
and at Cana, wedding-guest,
in thy Godhead manifest,
manifest in pow'r divine,
changing water into wine;
 anthems be to thee addressed:
 God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
mirrored in thy holy word;
may we imitate thee now,
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be
at thy great Epiphany,
 and may praise thee, ever blest,
 God in man made manifest

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Tune: Charles Steggall
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Psalmody

You, Lord, are my portion, my cup

Protect me, God,
because I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord.
Apart from you, I have nothing good."

Now as for the "holy ones" in the land,
the "magnificent ones"
that I was so happy about;
let their suffering increase
because they hurried after a different god.
I won't participate in their blood offerings;
I won't participate in their blood offerings;

I won't let their names cross my lips.

You, Lord, are my portion, my cup;
You control my destiny.

The property lines
have fallen beautifully for me;
yes, I have a lovely home.
I will bless the Lord who advises me;
even at night I am instructed
in the depths of my mind.

I always put the Lord in front of me;
I will not stumble
because he is on my right side.

That's why my heart celebrates
and my mood is joyous;
Yes, my whole body will rest in safety
because you won't abandon my life
to the grave;
you won't let your faithful follower
see the pit.

You teach me the way of life.
In your presence is total celebration.
Beautiful things are always in your right hand.

**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.**

You, Lord, are my portion, my cup

Psalm Prayer

Give to us, Lord Christ,
the fullness of grace,
your presence and your very self,
for you are our portion and our delight
now and forever.

Scripture reading

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun, and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death, light has dawned.'

From that time on Jesus began to proclaim,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near".

Matthew 4: 12 - 17

From the Anglican Eucharistic Lectionary for today

Responsory

Lord, I entrust my spirit into your hands.
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For you, Lord, God of faithfulness –
you have saved me.
Lord, I entrust my spirit into your hands.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit
Lord, I entrust my spirit into your hands.

Keep me, O God, as the apple of an 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!**

**Now, Master, let your servant
go in peace according to your word,
because my eyes have seen
your salvation.**

**You prepared this salvation
in the presence of all peoples.**

**It's a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and a glory for 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 ever shall be;
world without end. Amen.**

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Alleluia, has manifested his glory,
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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...

**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

Goodnight

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.**

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 our God, now and forever
Amen

Blessing and departure

We will lie down and fall asleep in peace,
because you alone, Lord,
let us live in safety
Abide with us, Lord Jesus

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