

Compline : Night Prayer

Second Sunday of Lent

Ss. Oswald & David

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The Collect from The Breviary.*

The Gathering ...

S. Oswald of Worcester was of Danish Ancestry but brought up by his uncle Oda, a 10th Century Archbishop of Canterbury. In 961 he was consecrated Bishop of Worcester by S. Dunstan, and in 972 became Archbishop of York. He was a great reformer of the Church, and lover of the poor. He had a tradition of washing the feet of the poor daily during Lent, and tradition has it that he died doing this in 992.

S. David barely needs introduction, patron Saint of Wales, he lived sometime around the 6th Century, bishop of the diocese now known as S. David's, son of S. Non, whose feast is later this week, teacher and preacher and founder of monastic settlements. He had such a heart for the poor that he lived his life with his monks in fierce solidarity with them, ploughs were pulled by hand, not oxen, and he would drink only water. It is said that when preaching, a white dove appeared and settled on his shoulder, and a small hillock arose under his feet to enable him to be seen and heard. It is said he was part of the spread of Christianity to the continent, inspiring many French place names in and around Brittany.

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

- the Vineyard Church in Cardiff
- and for the Canterbury 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.

Collect for S. David & S. Oswald

O God, who graciously bestowed, on your Bishops S. Oswald of Worcester and S. David of Wales, the virtue of wisdom and the gift of eloquence, and made them an example of prayer and pastoral zeal; grant that through their intercession, your Church may ever prosper and render you joyful praise. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Words of love and penitence

We come to God
as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

May your loving mercy come to me, O Lord,
and your salvation according to your word:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Your word is a lantern to my feet,
and a light to my path:
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy.

O let your mercy come to me that I may live,
for your law is my delight:
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Song

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know,
and never be the same?
Will you let your love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you,
and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind,
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind,
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer in you,
and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside,
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found,
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you, and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you,
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go,
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you,
and you in me.

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Music: trad scots
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Psalmody

O Lord, you have searched me out
and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You mark out my journeys
and my resting place*
and are acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word on my tongue,*
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You encompass me behind and before*
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,*
so high that I cannot attain it.

Psalms 139: 1-5

**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.**

Scripture reading

He called the crowd with his disciples, and
said to them,
**'If any want to become my followers, let them
deny themselves and take up their cross and
follow me.'**

*Mark 8: 34
from the Anglican Eucharistic Lectionary for today*

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.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.
**Hide me under the shadow
of your wings**

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)

**Christ died for us,
so that, whether we wake or sleep,
we might live with him.**

**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**

**Christ died for us,
so that, whether we wake or sleep,
we might live with him.**

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...*

Collect for Lent

Almighty God,
may we, by the prayer and discipline of Lent,
enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings;
that, by following in the Way,
we may come to share in the glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

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

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 God give us grace to grow in holiness,
deny ourselves, take up our cross,
and follow him.

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

Amen

Goodnight