

Compline : Night Prayer in Lent

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Reading from the KJV*

The Gathering ...

For this office, a time of stillness, to bring to mind those whom we pray for and hold them in God's love..., the needs of the world, the church, and those who have no-one to pray for them... and to offer thanksgiving. Keep these in your mind and heart during the Office, and let the music wrap and lift.

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

- the church family and community, of The South Worcester Methodist Circuit
- and for the S. David's Diocese

Preparation

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Brethren be sober, be vigilant,
because your adversary the devil,
as a roaring lion, walketh about,
seeking whom he may devour:
whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Thanks be to God.

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O God, make speed to save us,
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
**as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen**

Praise ye the Lord;
the Lord's Name be praised.

Hymn – the Lenten prose

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.*

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen O Jesu, to our supplications.

Hear us, O Lord,

O thou chief cornerstone,
right hand of the Father:
Way of salvation,
Gate of life celestial:
Cleanse thou our sinful souls
from all defilement.

Hear us, O Lord,

God, we implore thee,
in thy glory seated:
bow down and hearken
to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Hear us, O Lord,

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:
with true contrition
now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.*

Innocent captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accused, for us sinners sentenc'd
save us, we pray thee, Jesus our Redeemer.

Hear us, O Lord,

*(EH 736)
English language version of the original 10th Century Mozarabic
hymn, Attende Domine*

Psalmody

The Lord is merciful and *gra-cious*:
slow to anger, and plent-*eous* in mercy.

He will not always *chide*:
neither will he keep his an-*ger* for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our *sins*;
nor rewarded us according to *our* iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the *earth*,
so great is his mercy
toward *them* that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west;
so far hath he removed our trans-*gress-ions*
from us.

Like as a father pitieth his *child-ren*;
so the Lord pitieth *them* that fear him.

For he knoweth our *frame*;
he remembereth that we are dust.

Bless the Lord,
all his works in all places of his *do-minion*:
bless the Lord, *O* my soul.

Psalm 103: 8-14, 22

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Ho-ly Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

Scripture reading

There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.'

But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'

Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Luke 16: 19 - end

From the Anglican Eucharistic lectionary for the day

Responsory

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

For thou hast redeemed me,
O Lord, thou God of truth
I commend my spirit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
**Into thy hands, O Lord,
I commend my Spirit**

Hymn

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray,
that with thy wonted favour thou
wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
from nightly fears and fantasies;
tread under foot our ghostly foe;
that no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
doth live and reign eternally.
Amen.

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

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Cantic)

**Preserve us O Lord, while waking;
and guard us while sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep may rest in peace.**

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant
depart in *peace*:
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen:
thy *sal*-vation**

**Which thou hast *pre-par*-ed:
before the face of *all* people.**

**To be a light to lighten the *Gen*-tiles:
and to be the glory of thy *peo-ple* Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to *the* Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now
and ever *shall* be:
world without *end*. Amen**

**Preserve us O Lord, while waking;
and guard us while sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep may rest in peace.**

Words of prayer, repentance and forgiveness....

Lord, have mercy upon us

Christ, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mercy upon us

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.**

Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers;
**To be praised and glorified
above all for ever.**

Let us bless the Father, the Son
and the Holy Ghost;
**Let us praise him
and magnify him for ever.**

Blessed art thou, O Lord,
in the firmament of heaven;
**to be praised and glorified
above all for ever.**

The almighty and most merciful Lord
guard us and give us his blessing.
Amen.

Spoken...

We confess to God Almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have
sinned in thought, word and deed, through
our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray
God to have mercy upon us.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive
us all our sins and deliver us from all evil,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and bring us to life everlasting. Through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant
unto you pardon and remission of all your
sins, time for amendment of life, and the
grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;
that thy people may rejoice in thee?

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
and grant us thy salvation.

Vouchsafe, O Lord,
to keep us this night without sin
**O Lord, have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us.**

O Lord, hear our prayer
and let our cry come unto thee.

Collect

Let us pray

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ
did fast forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are,
yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in obedience to thy Spirit;
and, as thou knowest our weakness,
so may we know thy power to save;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who livest and reignest with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Blessing and departure

We will lay us down in peace,
and take our rest;
**For it is thou, Lord, only
that makest us dwell in safety.**

The Lord be with you;
and with thy Spirit.

Let us bless the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

Amen

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

Amen

Goodnight