

Compline : Night Prayer

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

Intercession...

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.

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.

Collect for S. Hilary

Everlasting God,
whose servant Hilary
steadfastly confessed your Son Jesus Christ
to be both human and divine:
grant us his gentle courtesy
to bring to all the message of redemption in
the incarnate Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the
Holy Spirit, One God, world without end,
Amen

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.

Psalmody

Hear me when I call, O God
of my *right-eousness*:
thou hast set me at liberty
when I was in trouble;
have mercy upon me,
and hearken un-to my prayer.

O ye sons of men,
how long will ye blaspheme mine *ho-nour*:
and have such pleasure in vanity
and seek af-ter leasing?

Know this also,
that the Lord hath chosen to himself
the one that is *god-ly*:
when I call upon the Lord, he *will* hear me.

Stand in awe, and *sin*, not:
commune with your own heart,
and in your cham-ber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of *right-eousness*:
and put your *trust* in the Lord.

There be many that *say*:
who will shew *us* any good?

Lord, lift thou *up*:
the light of thy countenance *up-on* us.

Thou hast put gladness in my *heart*:
since the time that their corn and wine
and oil *in-creased*.

I will lay me down in peace and take my *rest*:
for it is thou, Lord only,
that makest me dwell *in* safety.

**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.**

Scripture reading

And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed. And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away; and saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

Mark 1 : 40 - 45

Thanks be to God.

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 Canticle)

**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.

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.

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

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place, and
drive from it all the snares of the enemy; let
thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in
peace; and may thy blessing be upon us
evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

May the souls of the faithful,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen

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

Goodnight