

Compline : Night Prayer

S. Columba

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

Opening Responses

Peace on each one who comes in need
Peace on each one who comes in Joy

Peace on each one who offers prayers,
Peace on each one who offers song

Peace of the Maker, peace of the Son
Peace of the Spirit, the Triune One.

Song and response

O God, for your love for us,
warm and brooding,
which has brought us to birth
and opened our eyes
to the wonder and beauty of creation,
we give you thanks

Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am God

For your love for us, wild and freeing,
which has awakened us
to the energy of creation:
to the sap that flows,
the blood that pulses,
the heart that sings.
We give you thanks

I am the Lord, who saves and heals
I am the Lord, who saves and heals
I am the Lord, who saves and heals

For your love for us, strong and challenging,
which has called us to risk for you,
asked for the best in us,
and shown us how to serve
we give you thanks.

In you, O Lord I put my trust,
In you, O Lord I put my trust,
In you, O Lord I put my trust.

Song: Text anonymous. (STF 18)

Words of love, mercy and grace

O God, we come to celebrate
that your Holy Spirit
is present deep within us,
and at the heart of all life.

Forgive us when we forget your gift of love
made known to us in Jesus,
and draw us into your presence.

Psalmody

I love the Lord, because he has heard my
voice and my supplications

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I
will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray, save my life!”

Gracious is the Lord and righteous,
Our God is merciful

Psalm 116: 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

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28_ 16 - 20

*Taken from the Anglican Eucharistic Lectionary for the day,
NRSV*

Hymn

Lord God, we give you thanks for all your saints
who sought the trackless footprints of your feet,
who took into their own a hand unseen
and heard a voice whose silence was complete.

In every word and deed they spoke of Christ,
and in their life gave glory to his Name;
their love was unconsumed, a burning bush
of which the Holy Spirit was the flame.

Blest Trinity, may yours be endless praise
for all who lived so humbly in your sight;
your holy ones who walked dark ways in faith
now share the joy of your unfailing light.

*Music 'Farley Castle' Henry Lawes (HON New Anglican 131)
Text: Benedictine Nuns of Stanbrook Abbey*

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.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit.
**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend
my spirit.**

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

Intercession...

We bring to you, Lord, those whom we have
met or remembered today and for whom we
want to pray....

We come to you, Lord, with all who are hurting
tonight and ask God's holding healing love...

We come to you, Lord, with a troubled situation
in our world tonight...

We come to you, Lord, with in our hearts,
someone whom we find hard to forgive or
trust....

We come ourselves to you, Lord, that we might
grow in generosity of spirit, clarity of mind, and
warmth of affection....

We come to you, Lord, as your beloved, your
Church, your body here on earth, and our
communities... especially...

We come to you, Lord, as part of the Church
worldwide and those who lead and guide us...

We come to you, eternal Loving God, bearing in
our hearts those who have died, that they may
know the peace and joy of life with God....

We come to you, Lord, with all who mourn, that
they may know your strength and comfort...

We come to you, Lord, as day falls to night,
asking your grace, your healing mercy, to
enlarge our hearts with courage to grow, to
reach out, to receive, to bear your grace. To live
with you seeking to build with you your
kingdom to do justice, and to love kindness, and
to walk humbly with you, our God

Collect

Almighty God,
who filled the heart of Columba with the joy
of the Holy Spirit and with deep love for
those in his care: may your pilgrim people
follow him, strong in faith, sustained by hope,
and one in the love that binds us to you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who
is alive and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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.**

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)

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

**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**

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

Blessing and departure

**O Trinity of Love,
you have been with us
at the world's beginning
Be with us until the World's end**

**You have been with us at our life's shaping,
Be with us at our life's end.**

**You have been with us at the sun's rising
Be with us 'til the day's end**

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

S. Columba, pray for us...