

Thursday 25th February - Zoom worship at 7pm

ORDER FOR NIGHT PRAYER (Compline)
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Preparation

In the name of the +Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

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.

A short period of silence for reflection on the day which is passing.

These words of penitence are then used

**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.**

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

**Glory 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. Amen.**

The evening hymn, 'God that madest earth and heaven', will be played:

God, who made the earth and heaven,
darkness and light:
who the day for toil have given,
for rest the night.
May thy angel guards defend us,
slumber sweet thy mercy send us,
holy dreams and hopes attend us,
this livelong night.

2 Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
and, when we die,
may we in thy mighty keeping
all peaceful lie.
When the last dread call shall wake us,
do not thou, our God, forsake us,

but to reign in glory take us
with thee on high.

The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 137 - The lament of a people in exile

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, ·
when we remembered Zion.

2 As for our lyres, we hung them up ·
on the willows that grow in that land.

3 For there our captors asked for a song, our tormentors called for mirth: ·
'Sing us one of the songs of Zion.'

4 How shall we sing the Lord's song ·
in a strange land?

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, ·
let my right hand forget its skill.

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth
if I do not remember you, ·
if I set not Jerusalem above my highest joy.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

*God of our pilgrimage,
you sent your Son to our strange land
to bring us home to you;
give us your songs to sing,
that even in our exile
we may be filled with the breath of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Glory 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. Amen**

Scripture Reading - Galatians 5: 13 - 15

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

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.

Gospel Cantic (Luke 2.29-32)

The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said:

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

- 1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.
- 2 My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
- 3 A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

**Glory 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. Amen.**

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

Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings are offered here.

The Collect for the Week

Almighty God,
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in obedience to your Spirit;
and as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save:
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect-General for Lent

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray,
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;
may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,
and may your blessing be always upon us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray:
and in your mercy, defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of your only Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord,
with those who wake, or watch, or weep this night,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick,
give rest to the weary,
sustain the dying,

calm the suffering,
and pity the distressed,
all for your love's sake,
O Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Almighty God,
may we by 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 Conclusion

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 bless us,
that in us may be found love and humility,
obedience and thanksgiving,
discipline, gentleness and peace.

The Lord bless you and watch over you;
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the +Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

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