

Thursday 4th March: Zoom worship at 7pm

ORDER FOR NIGHT PRAYER (Compline)

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 hymn 'Jesus good above all other' will be played:

Jesus, good above all other,
gentle child of gentle mother,
in a stable born our brother,
give us grace to persevere.

2. Jesus, cradled in a manger,
for us facing every danger,
living as a homeless stranger,
make we thee our King most dear.

3. Jesus, for thy people dying,
risen Master, death defying,
Lord in heav'n, thy grace supplying,
keep us to thy presence near.

4. Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
all our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,

thou to us the truth declarest;
help us all thy truth to hear.

5. Lord, in all our doings guide us;
pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;
we'll go on with thee beside us,
and with joy we'll persevere.

The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 51: 1 - 18

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.

1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; •
according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness •
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults •
and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned •
and done what is evil in your sight,

5 So that you are justified in your sentence •
and righteous in your judgement.

6 I have been wicked even from my birth, •
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me •
and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.

8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; •
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, •
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.

10 Turn your face from my sins •
and blot out all my misdeeds.

11 Make me a clean heart, O God, •
and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence •
and take not your holy spirit from me.

13 Give me again the joy of your salvation •
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

14 Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked •
and sinners shall return to you.

15 Deliver me from my guilt, O God, the God of my salvation, •
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

16 O Lord, open my lips •
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

17 For you desire no sacrifice, else I would give it; •
you take no delight in burnt offerings.

18 The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; •
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.

*Take away, good Lord, the sin that corrupts us;
give us the sorrow that heals
and the joy that praises
and restore by grace your own image within us,
that we may take our place among your people;
in 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 - Hebrews 2: 16 - 18

For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsory

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
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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,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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.

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.**
