## An Order for Night Prayer

## **18th April 2019**

## **Maundy Thursday**

Leader: The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

All: Amen.

Leader: 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.

Leader: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Thanks be to God.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord

All: who made heaven and earth.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.

All: 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.

Leader: 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**

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

All: 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 following hymn may be sung.

Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That you, with steadfast love, would keep  
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,  
From fears and terrors of the night;  
Tread underfoot our deadly foe  
That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;  
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath  
Our souls are raised to life from death.

Psalm 4

1    Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;

you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;

    have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2    How long will you nobles dishonour my glory;

how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?

3    But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness;

when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

4    Stand in awe, and sin not;

commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

5    Offer the sacrifices of righteousness

and put your trust in the Lord.

6    There are many that say, ‘Who will show us any good?’

Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

7    You have put gladness in my heart,

more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

8    In peace I will lie down and sleep,

for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.

All: 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.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11. 28-30

All: Thanks be to God

The following responsory may be said

Leader: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

All: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

All: I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

All: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Keep me as the apple of an eye.

All: Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

The Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon) is said.

**All: Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,**

**that awake we may watch with Christ**

**and asleep we may rest in peace.**

1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:

  according to thy word.

2 For mine eyes have seen :

  thy salvation;

3 Which thou hast prepared :

  before the face of all people;

4 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :

  and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

All 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.

**All: Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,**

**that awake we may watch with Christ,**

**and asleep we may rest in peace.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Christ, have mercy upon us.

  Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in 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:

All  to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

   Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost:

All  let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

   Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:

All  to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

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

All  Amen.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.**

### O Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God, who at this evening hour didst rest in the sepulchre, and didst thereby sanctify the grave to be a bed of hope to thy people: make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins, which were the cause of thy passion, that when our bodies lie in the dust, our souls may live with thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

  We will lay us down in peace and take our rest.

All   For it is thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety.

    Abide with us, O Lord,

All   for it is toward evening and the day is far spent.

    As the watchmen look for the morning,

All   so do we look for thee, O Christ.

    The Lord be with you

All   and with thy spirit.

    Let us bless the Lord.

All   Thanks be to God.

    The almighty and merciful Lord,

    the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost,

    bless us and preserve us.

All   Amen.