

Smethwick Old Church

Holy Week



Service of Compline

Preparation

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.

silence

Holy God, we have failed to live in full
the generosity of your grace,
the costliness of your love
and the liberty of your free spirit.
Forgive us, and lead us into life.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus.

In faith, lay down the burden of this day and
enter the night in peace.

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.

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.

The Word of God

Monday: Lamentations 2.8-19 and Colossians 1.18-23
Tuesday: Lamentations 3.40-51 and Galatians 6.11-end
Wednesday: Isaiah 63.1-9 and Revelation 14.18 - 15.4
Thursday: Exodus 11 and Ephesians 2.11-18

Psalm

Monday: Psalm 25
Tuesday: Psalm 55.13-24
Wednesday: Psalm 88
Thursday: Psalm 39

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.

Reflection (See separate reflections for each day)

Silence...

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.

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.

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. *Luke 2.29-32*

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.

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

Prayers

The day is almost over, and the night has come;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Come, Holy Spirit, in your renewing power.
Move in the world, move in our hearts.
Spread the warmth of your healing
and the flame of your transforming life.
Come, Holy Spirit, in your renewing power.
In the name of Christ. Amen

Personal prayers are offered here.

The Lord's Prayer

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.
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.

The Conclusion

In faith we go to sleep and leave our life to you, O Lord.
In child-like trust we end our efforts of this day.
In our sleeping, be our company.
In our waking, be the gift of our new day.

Go in peace and may God go with you,
Christ Jesus take you by the hand,
and the Spirit be a cloud of grace around you. Amen.

