



MIDHURST PARISH CHURCH

Night Prayer

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
in Holy Week 2021

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

All: Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

All: who made heaven and earth.

A time of quiet reflection:

Lord, you have been our guide and our help throughout this day: we call to mind the gifts we have received – *(pause)*

We ask your pardon for any way we may have offended you or any of our sisters and brothers - *(pause)*

We pray together:

**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.**

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 139

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You encompass me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
so high that I cannot attain it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand shall lead me,
your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me
and the light around me turn to night,'
- 11 Even darkness is no darkness with you;
the night is as clear as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.
- 14 My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished;
already in your book were all my members written,
- 16 As day by day they were fashioned
when as yet there was none of them.
- 17 How deep are your counsels to me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
- 18 If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,
and at the end, I am still in your presence.
- 19 O that you would slay the wicked, O God,
that the bloodthirsty might depart from me!
- 20 They speak against you with wicked intent;
your enemies take up your name for evil.
- 21 Do I not oppose those, O Lord, who oppose you?
Do I not abhor those who rise up against you?
- 22 I hate them with a perfect hatred;
they have become my own enemies also.
- 23 Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and examine my thoughts.
- 24 See if there is any way of wickedness in me
and lead me in the way everlasting.

**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 forever. Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Monday: John 12:1-11

Tuesday: John 12: 30-36

Wednesday: John 13: 21-32

Reflection

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

All: Into your hands, O lord, I commend my spirit.

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

All: I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: Into your hands, O lord, I commend my spirit.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

All: Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon)

**All: Christ himself bore our sins in his body of the tree,
That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

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.

**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 forever. Amen.**

**All: Christ himself bore our sins in his body of the tree,
That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

Intercessions

Let us bring to the Father our prayers of intercession
through Christ who gave himself for the life of the world.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death,
and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people,
that through the suffering of disunity
there may grow a rich union in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them,
that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for
justice and peace,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,
that they may find support and encouragement,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow,
feel that God is far from them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith,
may find mercy in the day of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

A time of silence

**All: Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father, who 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 those who 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.**

“When night comes, and you look back over the day and see how fragmentary everything has been, and how much you planned that has gone undone, and all the reasons you have to be embarrassed and ashamed: just take everything exactly as it is, put it in God’s hands and leave it there. Then you will be able to rest in God - really rest - and start the next day as a new life”

St. Edith Stein

May the Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**