

Compline



from

St Stephen Walbrook, City of London

9pm Monday 9th November 2020

Margery Kempe, mystic, c1440

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.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day follows.

**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.
Alleluia.**

Hymn *(melody at back of booklet)*

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world we pray,
That with thy wonted favour thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread underfoot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally.
Amen

The Word of God

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.

**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

The one who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations.

Matthew 24.13,14a

Gospel Cantic

**King most blessed,
on the day of judgement
number us among your chosen.**

- 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.**

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on the day of judgement
number us among your chosen.**

Prayers

On the day the church remembers the life of Margery Kempe, let us pray especially for all those who are weeping tonight.

The salt of the earth are those who weep;
Tears rolling back towards the clay.
Crying because no words can say
What's written on their hearts.

Teardrops for new possibilities
Or a future that could have been.
Crying out in agony
Or empathy at painful scenes.

Tears of a last goodbye
Or the first glimpse of new life.
Teardrops at a first step
Or a last throw of the dice.

Tears of shock or of surprise
Or disappointment at yet more lies.
Weeping silently, unseen
Or wailing loudly, with red eyes.

Tears of joy, a pause in time
a ray of hope; a light that shines.

Tears of regret when breaking up
Or of relief when waking up.

Welling up from memories past
Worried that these thoughts won't last.

Crying at a coming out
Weeping at a welcome back.

Tears rolling for repentance,
and flowing in forgiveness.

Tears at the graveside,
garden
and the cross.

Jesus
wept
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*A poem written by Phillip Dawson for the day the church
remembers the life of Margery Kempe, mystic, 1440*

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
bring us to the dwelling which your Son is preparing
for all who love you;
give us the will each day to live in life eternal;
let our citizenship be in heaven with the blessed,
with the whole company of the redeemed
and with countless angels,
praising, worshipping and adoring your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
who sits upon the throne for ever and ever.

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.

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 the light of Christ, the King of all,
shine ever brighter in our hearts,
that with all the saints in light
we may shine forth as lights in the world.

Melody for the Hymn:

Proper Sarum Melody

♩=113

The musical score is presented in two systems. The first system consists of a treble staff and a bass staff, both in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 113. The melody in the treble staff begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a series of quarter notes: B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The second system continues the melody in the treble staff with quarter notes: B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, and concludes with a double bar line. The bass staff continues with chords and single notes, also concluding with a double bar line.

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