



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY



A Short Celtic Night Prayer

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week

25th-27th March 2024

7.30pm

Quire

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Stand

Shadows lengthen, darkness thickens. The lights are lit and the day we have lived through comes to an end. Let us worship the God who separated light from darkness.

Hallowed be his name.

Let us worship the God who ordered the birth of the stars.

Hallowed be his name.

Who watches over us, unsleeping, night and day.

Hallowed be his name.

Through our nights and days. Through our sleeping and waking. Through our resting and working.

Keep us mindful of your presence, holy God.

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1 v 18-19, 25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Stand to sing



Faithful vigil ended,
watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant your servant
his discharge in peace.

³This your great deliverance
sets your people free;
Christ their light uplifted
all the nations see.

²All the Spirit promised,
all the Father willed,
now these eyes behold it
perfectly fulfilled.

⁴Christ, your people's glory!
Watching, doubting cease:
grant to us your servants
our discharge in peace.

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Sit

Silence is kept

We will lie down in peace and take our rest
for it is you, Lord, who makes us dwell in safety.

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

We will lie down in peace and take our rest
All: for it is you, Lord, who makes us dwell in safety.

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, Amen.

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit
For you have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.

May we do the will of God, sharing in the death of Christ
and rise in the light of heaven.

May we rest safely this night, sleep in perfect peace
and rise with the morning light.

May the Father watch over our beds, Christ fill our dreams
and the angels guard our souls.

May the peace of the Spirit be ours this night,
May the peace of the Son be ours this night,
May the peace of the Father be ours this night,
Each morning, each evening, and for evermore.
Amen