

Adapted from Celebrating Common Prayer (a Version of the Daily Office SSF) and A Prayer Book for Australia, for use in St Peter's Cathedral after Christmas.

Welcome from the Dean:

Night Prayer is a lovely service of quiet and reflection. It derives from the service of Compline. Compline traditionally occurs late in the evening and is offered by religious orders, but it is also followed by clergy and laity, especially when on retreat. Many people keep Night Prayer or Compline as part of their own daily devotions. Our service occurs a little earlier in the evening and takes the place of Evensong during the slow time of January.

During the season of Epiphany, we celebrate the revelation of God in Christ to the world. This is reflected in the story of the visit of the three wise men to Jesus (Matthew 1: 1 - 12). As we take a breath before the busyness of 2022 begins, it is good to reflect on God's revelation to the world. How has God been active in our lives in 2021, and what do we hope for in 2022? We bring these prayers to God through the comforting service of Night Prayer. In the service we are immersed in Scripture, adding to the depth of our prayerful reflections. We pick up the story of how God's revelation includes us.

I do hope you enjoy our worship this evening, and I wish you God's blessings and providence for the year ahead.

The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod - Dean

Please stand as the clergy enter

The Blessing of Light

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. In him was life, and the life was the light of all.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Who is worthy of all thanksgiving and praise.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, our light and our salvation, to you be glory and praise for ever! In the beginning you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. To dispel the darkness of our night, you sent forth your Son, the first-born of all creation. He is our Christ, the light of the world, and him we acclaim, as all creation sings to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: **Blessed be God for ever!**

The Paschal candle is lit in silence (please kneel/sit)

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.

Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness.

But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God, in you I take refuge;
do not leave me defenceless.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Silence

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

Lord Jesus, you came to call sinners to repentance, **have mercy on us.**

Lord Jesus, sent to heal those who are burdened in soul, **have mercy on us.**

Lord Jesus, seated at the Father's right hand to intercede for us, **have mercy on us.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **who made heaven and earth.**

Glory to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

as in the beginning, so now and for ever. Alleluia!

Hymn: Please stand to sing hymn (masks must be worn while singing)

Please sit for the First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Reflection

The organist will play to aid our reflection

The Responsory

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 God: Father, Son and 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.

The Nunc Dimittis (The Song of Simeon)

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

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now and for ever.

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

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** Lord have mercy.

Hymn: Please stand to sing hymn (masks must be worn while singing)

Please sit/kneel

Prayers

The Collect for Epiphany

Everlasting God, who brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising: fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.**

Hymn: Please stand to sing hymn (masks must be worn while singing)

Blessing



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The Cathedral is open to visit and to pray:

Mon 11.00am-1:00pm
Tues-Sat 11.00am – 3.00pm

Holiday Sunday Services:

8:00am Eucharist (BCP)
10:30am Sung Eucharist
6:00pm Night Prayer

Holiday Weekday Services:

Wednesday 7:30am & 10:00am Eucharist
Friday 7:30am Eucharist

Regular service schedule will resume on Sunday 30 January 2022.

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