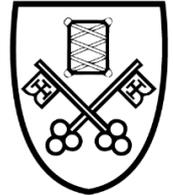




The Cathedral Church  
of St Peter Bradford



# Night Prayer

*Passiontide - Tuesday*

30 March 2021

19.00

*We remain seated throughout*

## 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*

**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.**

*Choir*      *O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.*

*Glory be 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.*

## Hymn

*Choir*      *Servant of God, remember  
the hallowed font's bedewing;  
the mark of grace upon you,  
anointing and renewing.*

*Take heed, when called by slumber  
and on your bed, reclining,  
trace then the cross of Jesus,  
your heart and forehead signing.*

*The cross dissolves the darkness  
and drives away temptation;  
it calms the wavering spirit  
by quiet consecration.*

*Praise to God eternal,  
to Christ, true King of Heaven,  
and Paraclete, most holy,  
be now and ever given.*

## Psalm 71

Choir

*1 In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge; •  
let me never be put to shame.*

*2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; •  
incline your ear to me and save me.*

*3 Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort; •  
send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.*

*4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, •  
from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor.*

*5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, •  
my confidence, even from my youth.*

*6 Upon you have I leaned from my birth,  
when you drew me from my mother's womb; •  
my praise shall be always of you.*

*7 I have become a portent to many, •  
but you are my refuge and my strength.*

*8 Let my mouth be full of your praise •  
and your glory all the day long.*

*9 Do not cast me away in the time of old age; •  
forsake me not when my strength fails.*

*10 For my enemies are talking against me, •  
and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.*

*11 They say, 'God has forsaken him;  
pursue him and take him, •  
because there is none to deliver him.'*

*12 O God, be not far from me; •  
come quickly to help me, O my God.*

*13 Let those who are against me  
be put to shame and disgrace; •  
let those who seek to do me evil  
be covered with scorn and reproach.*

*14 But as for me I will hope continually •  
and will praise you more and more.*

*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.*

*Silence*

*Reading* *Isaiah 49.1-7*

49 Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
<sup>3</sup> And he said to me, 'You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'  
<sup>4</sup> But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God.'  
<sup>5</sup> And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—  
<sup>6</sup> he says,  
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'  
<sup>7</sup> Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
'Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

*Address*

*The Reverend Canon Myra Shackley*

*Silence*

## Responsory

Choir        *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.*

## Nunc dimittis        *Wood in G*

Choir        *Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.*

1        *Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:  
according to thy word.*

2        *For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
which thou has prepared before the face of all people:*

3        *To be a light to lighten the gentiles  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.*

*Silence*

## Prayers

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered*

## The Collects

Almighty God,  
as we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son,  
help us to see and know your love for us,  
so that in humility, love and joy  
we may place at his feet  
all that we have and all that we are;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Anthem

1 *Audi benigne conditor,  
nostras preces cum fletibus,  
in hoc sacro jejunio,  
fusas quadragenario.*

2 *Scrutator alme cordium,  
infirmi tu scis virium,  
ad te reversis exhibe  
remissionis gratiam.*

3 *Multum quidem peccavimus,  
sed pace confitentibus,  
ad nominis laudem tui,  
confer medelam languidis.*

4 *Concede nostrum conteri,  
corpus per abstinentiam,  
culpa ut relinquat parvulum,  
jejuna corda criminum.*

5 *Praesta beata Trinitas,  
concede simplex unitas,  
ut fructuosa sint tuis,  
jejuniorum munera.  
Amen.*

1 O merciful Creator, hear;  
in tender pity bow Thine ear:  
accept the tearful prayer we raise  
in this our fast of forty days.

2 Each heart is manifest to Thee;  
Thou knowest our infirmity:  
repentant now we seek Thy face;  
impart to us Thy pardoning grace.

3 Our sins are manifold and sore,  
but spare Thou them who sin deplore;  
and for Thine own Name's sake make whole  
the fainting and the weary soul.

4 Grant us to mortify each sense  
by means of outward abstinence,  
that so from every stain of sin  
the soul may keep her fast within.

5 Blest Three in One, and One in Three  
almighty God, we pray to Thee,  
that Thou wouldst now vouchsafe to bless  
our fast with fruits of righteousness.  
Amen.

*Music: G. Dufay (1397-1474)*

## Blessing

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 Holy Spirit of God bless and sanctify us  
so that we may be consecrated in the truth. **Amen.**

*We depart in silence*

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