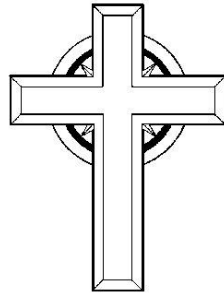


ST MARY'S, BATLEY & ST PATRICK'S, BIRSTALL

The Office for the Dead



Evening Prayer of the Church

○ God, come to our aid.
○ 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 ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

Merciful Saviour, hear our humble prayer,
For all your servants passed beyond life's care;
Though sin has touched them, yet their weakness spare.

Refrain:

*O grant them pardon, Jesus saviour bless,
And give their spirits light and endless rest.*

O gentle Saviour, Lamb for sinners slain,
Look on your children, cleanse their hearts of stain:
Your cross has won them everlasting gain. *(Refrain:)*

Lord, at your passion love did conquer fear;
Now share that triumph with these souls so dear:
Banish their sorrows, let your light appear. *(Refrain:)*

Antiphon 1: The Lord will guard you from every evil. He will guard your soul.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever.

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Amen.

Antiphon 1: The Lord will guard you from every evil. He will guard your soul.

Antiphon 2: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.

I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
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world without end.
Amen.

Antiphon 2: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

Antiphon 3: As the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so the Son gives life to anyone he chooses.

Though he was in the form of God,
Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.

He emptied himself,
taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit,
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Scripture Reading - *1 Corinthians 15:55-57*

Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?
Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law.
So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Short Responory

In you, Lord, I take refuge. Let me not be lost for ever.
- In you, Lord, I take refuge. Let me not be lost for ever.
I will rejoice and be glad because of your merciful love.
- In you, Lord, I take refuge. Let me not be lost for ever.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- In you, Lord, I take refuge. Let me not be lost for ever.

Magnificat Antiphon:

**All that the Father gives me will come to me;
and I will never turn away the one who comes to me.**

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

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Prayers and intercessions

Let us pray to Christ who gives us the hope that our mortal bodies will become like his in glory.

- Lord, you are our life and our resurrection.

Christ, Son of the living God, you raised your friend Lazarus from the dead; grant life and glory to the faithful departed, redeemed by your precious blood.

- Lord, you are our life and our resurrection.

Compassionate Saviour, you wiped away all tears when you gave back to the widow of Naim her only son; comfort those who mourn because the one they love has died.

- Lord, you are our life and our resurrection.

Christ, our Redeemer, destroy the reign of sin in our mortal bodies; let us not receive the wages of death but the reward of eternal life.

- Lord, you are our life and our resurrection.

Christ, our Saviour, look on those who live without hope and do not know you; let them believe in the resurrection and the life of the world to come.

- Lord, you are our life and our resurrection.

You restored sight to the man born blind and opened the eyes of his faith;
reveal your face to the dead who have not seen your glory.

- Lord, you are our life and our resurrection.

Lord, be merciful to us when we leave this earthly dwelling; make for us a
home in heaven that will last for ever.

- Lord, you are our life and our resurrection.

Our Father

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.

Concluding Prayer

Grant, Lord, we pray,
that as our faith is built on the Risen Christ,
so too our hope may be steadfast
as we await the resurrection of all the faithful departed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

From the Divine Office of the Church.