Night Prayer

Introduction

Our Lord says, 'Surely, I come quickly.' Even so; come, Lord Jesus.
Alleluia.

Psalm 40

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

Reading: Philippians 4: 4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Images of heaven

Prayers

Response in the prayers:

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

Awaiting his coming in glory, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Hymn

Hills of the North, rejoice, Echoing songs arise, Hail with united voice Him who made earth and skies: He comes in righteousness and love, He brings salvation from above.

2 Isles of the Southern seas, Sing to the listening earth, Carry on every breeze Hope of a world's new birth: In Christ shall all be made anew, His word is sure, his promise true. 3 Lands of the East, arise,
He is your brightest morn,
Greet him with joyous eyes,
Praise shall his path adorn:
The God whom you have longed to know
In Christ draws near, and calls you now.

4 Shores of the utmost West, Lands of the setting sun, Welcome the heavenly guest In whom the dawn has come: He brings a never-ending light Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

5 Shout, as you journey on, Songs be in every mouth, Lo, from the North they come, From East and West and South: In Jesus all shall find their rest, In him the sons of earth be blest

Responsory

With love and compassion, come, Lord Jesus.

With judgement and mercy, come, Lord Jesus.

In power and glory, come, Lord Jesus.

In wisdom and truth come, Lord Jesus.

Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Night Prayer is on zoom. You can join the meeting from 7.15pm to chat to other people, and we begin the worship at 7.30pm. Meeting ID 296 467 9306; password 176040.