

# The Uxbridge Team Ministry



*Night Prayer in Holy Week*



*The 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.**

*A period of silence for reflection on the past day follows.*

**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.**

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

**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.**

*The following or other suitable hymn may be sung.*

**Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That you, with steadfast love, would keep  
Your watch around us while we sleep.**

**From evil dreams defend our sight,  
From fears and terrors of the night;  
Tread underfoot our deadly foe  
That we no sinful thought may know.**

**O Father, that we ask be done**

**Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;  
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath  
Our souls are raised to life from death.**

*The Psalm set for the evening is said:*

**Monday of Holy Week: Psalm 41**

- 1 Blessed are those who consider the poor and needy; •  
the Lord will deliver them in the time of trouble.
- 2 The Lord preserves them and restores their life,  
that they may be happy in the land; •  
he will not hand them over to the will of their enemies.
- 3 The Lord sustains them on their sickbed; •  
their sickness, Lord, you will remove.
- 4 And so I said, 'Lord, be merciful to me; •  
heal me, for I have sinned against you.'
- 5 My enemies speak evil about me, •  
asking when I shall die and my name perish.
- 6 If they come to see me, they utter empty words; •  
their heart gathers mischief;  
when they go out, they tell it abroad.
- 7 All my enemies whisper together against me, •  
against me they devise evil,
- 8 Saying that a deadly thing has laid hold on me, •  
and that I will not rise again from where I lie.
- 9 Even my bosom friend, whom I trusted,  
who ate of my bread, •  
has lifted up his heel against me.
- 10 But you, O Lord, be merciful to me •  
and raise me up, that I may reward them.
- 11 By this I know that you favour me, •  
that my enemy does not triumph over me.
- 12 Because of my integrity you uphold me •  
and will set me before your face for ever.

13 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, •  
from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

## **Tuesday of Holy Week Psalm 27**

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? •  
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,  
came upon me to eat up my flesh, •  
they stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid, •  
and though there rise up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
- 4 One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek: •  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
- 5 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord •  
and to seek his will in his temple.
- 6 For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter; •  
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me  
and set me high upon a rock.
- 7 And now shall he lift up my head •  
above my enemies round about me;
- 8 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; •  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 9 Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; •  
have mercy upon me and answer me.
- 10 My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' •  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 11 Hide not your face from me, •  
nor cast your servant away in displeasure.
- 12 You have been my helper; •  
leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 13 Though my father and my mother forsake me, •  
the Lord will take me up.

- 14 Teach me your way, O Lord; •  
lead me on a level path, because of those who lie in wait for me.
- 15 Deliver me not into the will of my adversaries, •  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and those who breathe out violence.
- 16 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord •  
in the land of the living.
- 17 Wait for the Lord; be strong and he shall comfort your heart; •  
wait patiently for the Lord.

### **Wednesday of Holy Week Psalm 102 1-13**

- 1 O Lord, hear my prayer •  
and let my crying come before you.
- 2 Hide not your face from me •  
in the day of my distress.
- 3 Incline your ear to me; •  
when I call, make haste to answer me,
- 4 For my days are consumed in smoke •  
and my bones burn away as in a furnace.
- 5 My heart is smitten down and withered like grass, •  
so that I forget to eat my bread.
- 6 From the sound of my groaning •  
my bones cleave fast to my skin.
- 7 I am become like a vulture in the wilderness, •  
like an owl that haunts the ruins.
- 8 I keep watch and am become like a sparrow •  
solitary upon the housetop.
- 9 My enemies revile me all the day long, •  
and those who rage at me have sworn together against me.
- 10 I have eaten ashes for bread •  
and mingled my drink with weeping,
- 11 Because of your indignation and wrath, •

for you have taken me up and cast me down.

- 12 My days fade away like a shadow, •  
and I am withered like grass.
- 13 But you, O Lord, shall endure for ever •  
and your name through all generations.

**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.**

*Reading:*

Monday of Holy Week: Luke 22.1-23

Tuesday of Holy Week: Luke 22.24-53 (or 39-53)

Wednesday of Holy Week: Luke 22.54-71

*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 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.**

*Gospel Canticle: The Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)*

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

- 1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:  
your word has been fulfilled.**
- 2 My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;**
- 3 A light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.**

**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.**

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

*Intercessions and thanksgivings*

*The Collect*

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.**

Standing at the foot of the cross  
as our Saviour taught us, so we 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

### *The Conclusion*

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 God bless us,  
that in us may be found love and humility,  
obedience and thanksgiving,  
discipline, gentleness and peace. **Amen.**