

# Compline : Night Prayer following 1<sup>st</sup> Vespers of Pentecost

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## The Gathering ...

Christ is Risen!  
He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

### Welcome and introduction

*From our cycle of prayer for this dispersed  
worshipping community: Tonight's Office Prayer is  
offered for*

- the priest, clergy team, people and  
community of S. Augustine, Edgbaston, in  
Birmingham Diocese*
- and for the Truro Diocese.*

O God, come to our aid,  
**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 ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.**

## Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire  
and lighten with celestial fire;  
thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above  
is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our mortal sight.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and Thee, of both, to be but One;  
that through the ages all along  
this may be our endless song:

Praise to thine eternal merit,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

*Text: vv. 1-2, 5 John Cosin, after Rabanus Maurus.  
v.3 Michael Forster*

*Music: Proper Sarum Melody*

## Psalmody

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

When I call, answer me, O God of justice,\*  
from anguish you released me,  
have mercy and hear me!

O my people,  
how long will your hearts be closed,\*  
will you love what is futile  
and seek what is false?

It is the Lord who grants favours  
to those whom he loves; \*  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

Fear him; do not sin:  
ponder on your bed and be still.\*  
Make justice your sacrifice  
and trust in the Lord

'What can bring us happiness?' many say. \*  
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord.

You have put into my heart a greater joy\*  
than they have from abundance  
of corn and new wine.

I will lie down in peace  
and sleep comes at once\*  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

**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, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

O come, bless the Lord,\*  
All you who serve the Lord,  
who stand in the house of the Lord,\*  
in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands to the holy place\*  
And bless the Lord through the night.

May the Lord bless you from Sion,\*  
he who made both heaven and earth.

**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, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### ***Scripture reading***

Learn to live and move in the Spirit; then there is no danger of your giving way to the impulses of corrupt nature. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Since we live by the Spirit, let the Spirit be our rule of life.

*Galatians 5:16, 22a, 25*

### ***Responsory***

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit,  
alleluia, Alleluia!

**Into your hands, Lord, I commend my  
spirit, alleluia, Alleluia!**

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.  
**Into your hands, Lord, I commend my  
spirit, alleluia, Alleluia!**

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
**Into your hands, Lord, I commend my  
spirit, alleluia, Alleluia!**

### ***Intercession...***

#### **A Prayer of Francis Drake**

Disturb us, Lord,  
when we are too well pleased with ourselves,  
when our dreams have come true  
because we have dreamed too little,  
when we arrived safely  
because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord,  
when with the abundance  
of things we possess  
we have lost our thirst  
for the waters of life;  
having fallen in love with life,  
we have ceased to dream of eternity;  
and in our efforts to build a new earth,  
we have allowed our vision  
of the new heaven to dim.

Lord of love,  
send your Holy Spirit  
to turn our words into prayers  
and our seeking into finding.  
**Come, Holy Spirit**

Lord of life and light,  
send your Holy Spirit  
to turn our darkness into light  
and our falseness into truth  
**Come, Holy Spirit**

Creating Lord,  
send your Holy Spirit  
to bring order out of chaos  
and love out of hatred  
**Come, Holy Spirit**

Father,  
you anointed Christ  
with the power of the Spirit  
to touch, heal and save;  
send the Spirit upon us and among us  
to heal and bring grace, hope and truth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit**

Lord of love,  
Send your Holy Spirit  
to give rest to the weary  
and to strengthen our faith;

give life and joy to broken hearts  
and places of tenderness and sadness.

**Come, Holy Spirit**

Word of life,  
you are the creating word,  
and the Spirit of Truth;  
send your Holy Spirit on us,  
to teach us how to speak.  
Give us hearts, bodies, souls and voices  
that speak love, compassion and justice.

**Come, Holy Spirit**

Risen and Ascended Lord,  
may your Spirit make us one with you;  
let us never be separated from your love  
by distress, persecution or danger.

**Come, Holy Spirit**

Lord Jesus, ascended to the Father,  
we turn to you in the night of our anxiety  
and the day of our over-confidence;  
may your Spirit be ever with us,  
guiding, discerning, holding us in your love.  
Advocate, Comforter, Breath of God

Spirit of God,  
help us to learn to live and move in you;  
the ground of our being;  
help our lives to show forth the fruits  
of your presence

**Come, Holy Spirit**

*...for those who lead and govern, and those who  
face choices and decisions*

*... for the Church... especially for S. Augustine,  
Edgbaston, Birmingham, and for the diocese of  
Truro*

*... for those who have died, and those who mourn*

Come Holy Spirit!  
Come as flame  
to burn energy and truth within us  
Come Holy Spirit!  
Come as wind  
to disturb and invigorate us  
Come Holy Spirit!  
Come and speak through us  
that we may learn to share your love.  
Come Holy Spirit!

Breath of God,  
Spirit of the Living Lord  
draw us ever closer to you  
ever closer into the dance of life and love  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**May your Kingdom Come**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father,  
which 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 them  
that 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.**

## **Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)**

**Save us Lord, while we are awake;  
protect us while we sleep;  
that we may keep watch with Christ,  
and rest with him in peace. Alleluia**

**At last, all-powerful Master,  
you give leave to your servant  
to go in peace,  
according to your promise.**

**For my eyes have seen your salvation  
which you have prepared for all nations,  
the light to enlighten the Gentiles  
and give glory to Israel, your people.**

**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 for ever,  
world without end.  
Amen**

**Save us Lord, while we are awake;  
protect us while we sleep;  
that we may keep watch with Christ,  
and rest with him in peace. Alleluia**

## ***Blessing and departure***

Come to visit us, Lord, this night,  
so that by your strength we may rise at  
daybreak  
to rejoice in the resurrection of Christ,  
your Son,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect  
end.

**May the Lord bless us, protect us from  
all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.**

**Amen**

## ***The Regina Caeli***

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven  
Alleluia!

He whom thou wast meet to bear  
Alleluia!

As he promised hath arisen!  
Alleluia!  
Pour for us to God thy prayer  
Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary  
Alleluia!  
For the Lord is risen indeed!  
Alleluia!

O God, who by the Resurrection of your Son,  
Our Lord, Jesus Christ, brought joy to the  
whole world, grant that, aided by the prayers  
of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may know  
the joys of eternal life:

through Jesus Christ our Lord

**Amen.**

Goodnight ....

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