

Cuthbert Compline for Tuesday

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Scripture from the NRSV

The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

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

- the clergy, people and church family of S. Margaret of Antioch, Cliffe in Dover, in the Canterbury Diocese.*
- and for the Blackburn Diocese.*

We begin by making the sign of the Cross

Preparation

We will lie down and sleep in peace
for you alone, Lord,
make me dwell in safety.

O Creator and Spirit and Jesu, the Three,
from the crown of our heads, O Trinity,
to the soles of our feet our offering be.
Come we unto thee, O Jesu, my King –
O Jesu, do thou be our sheltering.

Time for reflection

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

I will not lie down tonight with sin,
nor shall sin, nor sin's shadow,
lie down with me.

Open now our hearts to you,
and fill us with the peace
that only you can give,
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

Song

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy Name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.

Text: Taize Community (from Psalm 103)

*Music: Jacques Berthier
(HON New Anglican 61)*

Words from Psalmody

Taken from Psalm 91

Whoever has chosen to make the shelter
of the Most High their dwelling place
will stay in his over-shadowing.

He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;
he is my God, and I am trusting in him.
He will rescue you
from the traps laid for your feet,
and save you from the destroying curse.

His faithful promises are your armour,
you need no longer be afraid
of any terror by night,
or the death-arrow that flies by day.

The Lord himself is your refuge;
you have made the Most High
your stronghold.
Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold.

How precious to me
are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand.
When I awake, I am still with you.

**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.**

Scripture reading

“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?

So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

Luke 17: 7-10

Responsory Song

Come, my table is a meeting place,
here I'm waiting, ready for you,
come and share, you are invited,
come, beloved, I chose you.

Come, my table is a touching place,
hands to greet you span time and space,
see my arms stretched out in welcome,
this for you a holy place.

Come and meet me in this moment,
taste and see this gift of my grace,
here, the feast spread out before you,
come, my child, and take your place.

*Music and Text: Claire Stainsby
(STF 581)*

Responsory

O God of life, this night,
O darken not to me thy Light.

O God of life, this night,
close not thy gladness to my sight.

O God of life, this night,
**thy door to me, O shut not tight,
O God of life, this night.**

Intercession...

Bringing to mind those whom we pray for and holding them in God's love..., bringing the needs of the world, the church, and those who have no-one to pray for them...

(A Collect may be prayed)

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, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.**

**Now, Lord,
you let your servant go in peace*
your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation*
which you have prepared
in the sight of every people;**

**A light to reveal you to the nations*
and the glory of your people, Israel.**

**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, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.**

Blessing and departure

Be it on thine own beloved arm,
O God of Grace,
that we in peace shall waken.

The peace of all peace be ours this night

**May the peace of the Lord Christ
go with us,
wherever we may wander,
may he guide us through the wilderness,
protect us through the storm.
May he bring us back rejoicing,
at the wonders he has shown us,
may he bring us back, rejoicing,
once again through those doors.**

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

Amen

Goodnight