

# Cuthbert Compline for Tuesday

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## 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 The United Benefice of Holy Trinity Freckleton and Warton S. Paul's in Blackburn Diocese.*
- and for the Birmingham Methodist District.*

*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

Wait for the Lord,  
whose day is near,  
wait for the Lord:  
keep watch, take heart!

*Text: Taizé Community (from Psalm 103)*

*Music: Jacques Berthier  
(HON New Anglican 528)*

## 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

Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit  
is saying to the churches

*Revelation 3: 22*

## 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.**

## Bidding Prayers

*We pray for the Church, the World, and ourselves*

## Collect

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive us in new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen.

## 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 Cantic)

**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, let your servant  
leave this life in peace:  
for your word has taught us –  
love will never cease.

Eyes with wonder seeing  
in this moment's rite,  
Israel's promised glory,  
every nation's light.

Holy people waiting  
for Christ's light to shine:  
temple prayers now answered –  
Jesus is God's sign.

Sign and Son and Saviour  
held in Mary's arms:  
promise for all peoples  
sung in Israel's psalms.

*Music: 'Eudoxia' Sabine Baring Gould (HON New Anglican 263)*

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**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**