

# Ebba Compline

## for Thursdays

### The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

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

- *S. John the Evangelist Perry Barr in the Birmingham Diocese*
- *and for the Southwark Diocese.*

† We begin by making the sign of the Cross

### Preparation

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone:  
my hope comes from him.

Come I this night to the Father,  
come I this night to the Son,  
come I to the Holy Spirit powerful:  
come I this night to God.  
Come I this night with Christ,  
come I with the Spirit of kindness.  
Come I to Thee, Jesus.  
Jesus shelter me.

Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy

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

### Song

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you;  
allelu, alleluia

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia*

You shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God;  
allelu, alleluia!

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia*

Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock, and it shall be opened unto you;  
allelu, alleluia!

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia*

*Text: v. 1 Karen Lafferty, vv. 2-3 unknown  
Music: 'seek ye first' Karen Lafferty  
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### Psalmody for the day

*Psalm 127 1-3*

Unless the Lord builds the house, \*  
those who build it labour in vain.

Unless the Lord keeps the city,\*  
the guard keeps watch in vain.

It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early  
and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil,  
for he gives his beloved sleep.

**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

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'"

I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

*Luke 11: 5-10*

*Taken from the Anglican Eucharistic Lectionary for today*

## **Responsory**

We will lie down and sleep.

**We wake again,  
because the Lord sustains us.**

By day the Lord directs his love;  
**at night his song is with us –  
a prayer to the God of our lives.**

Be strong and take heart,  
**all you who hope in the Lord.**

## **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...*

May God be in our sleep;  
may Christ be in our dreams.  
May the Spirit be in our repose,  
in our thoughts, in our hearts,  
in our souls, always,  
may the Sacred Three dwell.

May the Father of heaven  
have care of our souls,  
his loving arm about our bodies  
through each slumber and sleep of our lives

## **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**

The Son of God be shielding us from harm,  
the Son of God be shielding us from ill,  
the Son of God be shielding us with power.  
The Son of God be shielding us this night.

Sleep, O sleep in the calm of each calm.  
Sleep, O sleep in the guidance of all guidance.  
Sleep, O sleep in the love of all loves.  
Sleep, O beloved, in the God of life.

**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 ....

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