

# Compline : Night Prayer Wednesday in Eastertide

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## **The Gathering ...**

Welcome and introduction

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

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

- the priest, people and community of the  
benefice of All Saints, S. David, and S. John  
the Baptist, Porthcawl, Wales*
- and for the Coventry Diocese.*

## **Song**

God be in my head;  
and in my understanding.  
God be in my eyes;  
and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth;  
and in my speaking.  
God be in my heart;  
and in my thinking.  
God be at my end,  
and in my departing.

*Text: 'Book of Hours' 1514  
Music: Henry Walford Davies*

## **Psalmody**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

In you, O Lord, I take refuge.\*  
Let me never be put to shame.

In your justice, set me free,  
hear me and speedily rescue me.

Be a rock of refuge for me,\*  
a mighty stronghold to save me,  
for you are my rock, my stronghold.  
For your name's sake, lead me and guide me.

Release me from the snares they have  
hidden\*  
for you are my refuge, Lord.  
Into your hands I commend my spirit.\*  
It is you who will redeem me, Lord.

*Psalm 31: 1-6*

**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!**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive\*  
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness\*  
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,\*  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord\*  
more than watchman for daybreak.  
Let the watchman count on daybreak\*  
and Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy\*  
and fulness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem\*  
from all its iniquity.

**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***

Do not let resentment lead you into sin; the sunset must not find you still angry. Do not give the devil his opportunity.

*Ephesians 4:26-27*

### ***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...***

*.... 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...*

## **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.  
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***

Lord Jesus Christ,  
meek and humble of heart,  
you offer to those who follow you  
a yoke that is good to bear,  
a burden that is light.  
Accept, we beg you,  
our prayer and work of this day,  
and grant us the rest we need  
that we may be  
ever more willing to serve you,  
who live and reign for ever and ever.

***During #DeafAwarenessWeek 2020 we shall share the following prayer in BSL and English.***

**May the Lord bless us  
and keep us;  
may the Lord smile on us;  
shine his light upon us.  
May the Lord lift us;  
turn his face toward us;  
give us his peace,  
give us his peace**

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**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Goodnight ....**