

# Compline : Night Prayer for Eastertide

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## The Gathering ...

### Welcome and introduction

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

- the priest, clergy team, people and  
community of S. Stone with S. Saviour,  
Aston, Birmingham*
- and for the Oxford Diocese.*

## Preparation

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

**Amen.**

Our help is in the Name of the Lord  
**who made heaven and earth.**

## Words of sorrow, love, mercy and forgiveness....

We come to God  
as one from whom no secrets are hidden,  
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

*Time of silence*

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy**

## Hymn

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
be thou ever near me,  
my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my friend.

O let me see thy footmarks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone.  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

*Text: John Ernest Bode  
Music: 'Wolvercote', William Harold Ferguson*

## Psalmody

### Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, bless the Lord,  
all you servants of the Lord, \*  
you that by night  
stand in the courts of the Lord.

Lift up your hands toward the sanctuary\*  
and bless the Lord.

The Lord who made heaven and earth\*  
give you blessing out of Sion.

*Psalm 134*

**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 your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.”*

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

*John 14: 1-6*

*Taken from the Eucharistic Anglican Lectionary gospel reading for the day, NRSV*

### **Responsory**

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

For you have redeemed me,  
Lord God of truth.  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

Keep me as the apple of your eye,  
**Hide me under the shadow  
of your wings.**

### **Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Cantic)**

**Alleluia. The Lord is risen, alleluia,  
as he promised to you. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**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**

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as he promised to you. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### **Intercession...**

*..... 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... prayers for those  
who are unwell, those who have died, and those  
who mourn*

### **Collect for Eastertide**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father’s sheep:  
teach us to know your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered  
into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
**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.**

### ***Blessing and departure***

In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in  
safety.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
**for the night is at hand  
and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning,  
**so do we look for you, O Christ**

May the risen Lord bless us.  
May he watch over us and renew us  
as he renews the whole of creation.  
May our hearts and lives echo his love.

***During #DeafAwarenessWeek 2020 we  
share this prayer in BSL & 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

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

*Goodnight....*