

# Cuthbert Compline

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Scripture from the NRSV*

## The Gathering ...

### Welcome and introduction

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

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

- *the clergy, people and community of S.  
Leonard, Beoley, Worcestershire*
- *and for the Leicester 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.**

## Hymn

O worship the Lord  
in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience,  
and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him:  
the Lord is his Name!

Low at his feet  
lay thy burden of carefulness,  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows,  
and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps  
as may best for thee be.

These, though we bring them in trembling  
and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the Name that is dear;  
mornings of joy  
give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling  
and hope for our fear.

*Text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell  
Music 'Was Lebet', from the 'Rheinhardt MS'*

## Words from Psalmody

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.

*Taken from Psalm 91*

**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**

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither  
toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his  
glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God  
so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive  
today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how  
much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!  
And do not keep striving for what you are to eat  
and what you are to drink, and do not keep  
worrying.

*Luke 12: 27-29*

### **Responsory**

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

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

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

## **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.**

## **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**

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

### ***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.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Amen**

Goodnight ....