

# Compline : Night Prayer for Eastertide

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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 priest, people and community of S.  
David, Ely, Cardiff*
- *and for the Gloucester Diocese.*

## Preparation

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

**Amen.**

## Psalmody

As the deer longs for the water brooks,\*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul is athirst for God,  
Even for the living God;\*  
when shall I come  
before the presence of God?

*Psalm 42: 1-2*

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

*A period of reflection on the past day...*

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal:  
have mercy on us.**

**O God make speed to save us,  
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. Alleluia**

## Hymn

In heav'nly love abiding,  
no change my heart shall fear;  
and safe is such confiding,  
for nothing changes here.  
The storm may roar without me,  
my heart may low be laid,  
but God is round about me,  
and can I be dismayed?

Wherever he may guide me,  
no want shall turn me back;  
my Shepherd is beside me,  
and nothing can I lack.  
His wisdom ever waketh,  
his sight is never dim;  
he knows the way he taketh,  
and I will walk with him.

*Text: Anna Laetitia Waring  
Tune: 'Penlan', David Jenkins*

## Psalmody

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

O send out your light and your truth,  
that they may lead me,\*  
and bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling.

That I may go to the altar of God,  
To the God of my joy and gladness;\*  
and on the lyre I will give thanks  
to you, O God my God.

**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!**

*Psalm 43: 3-4*

## Scripture reading

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

*John 10:11-18*

## 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...

Holy God, in whom we live and move  
and have our being,  
we make our prayer to you, saying,  
Lord hear us.

Grant to all who seek you  
the assurance of your presence, your power  
and your peace  
Lord hear us.

Grant your healing grace to all who are sick  
that they may be made whole  
in body, mind and spirit,  
Lord hear us.

Grant to all who minister to the suffering  
wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.  
Lord hear us

Sustain and support the anxious and fearful  
and lift up all who are brought low.  
Lord hear us.

Guide those in leadership  
and governance over us,  
that they may be led by your Holy Spirit  
in the ways of wisdom, justice, and  
compassion  
Lord hear us.

Send your Holy Spirit on your Church  
that in this time of dispersal,  
we may be held together in your risen body  
supported by the prayer of the saints  
throughout the ages,  
and alive with the knowledge  
of your resurrection promise.

Lord, bless and welcome  
into your everlasting love,  
mercy and healing redemption,  
those who have died.  
May we ever be connected  
with those who have gone before us,  
through your mercy,  
in prayer and in love.  
Lord hear us

Grant your comfort and courage  
to those who mourn.  
Enlarge our hearts that we may be  
vessels of your loving comfort  
to all who grieve and who feel alone this night  
Lord, hear us

O God, take our minds  
and think through them,  
take our lips and speak through them,  
take our hearts  
and set them on fire with love for you

may we live in faith,  
walk in hope  
and be renewed in love,  
until the world feels warmed  
and kindles to reflect your glory

May your kingdom come.  
**Amen.**

## **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 Jesus 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.  
**Amen.**

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

Goodnight....