

# 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.  
Mary, Moseley, Birmingham*
- *and for the Durham 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

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me,  
save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought  
in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping,  
thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
thou art my great Father,  
through Jesus thy Son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor all the world's praise:  
be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven,  
my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven,  
thou heaven's bright sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
great Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Text: Irish 8<sup>th</sup> Century, trnsl. Mary Byrne  
Tune: 'Slane', Irish folk tune, arr. David Evans*

## Psalmody

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;\*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me;\*  
make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,  
for you are my rock and my stronghold;\*  
guide me, and lead me for your Name's sake.

Take me out of the net  
that they have laid secretly for me,\*  
for you are my strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord God of truth.

**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**

“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. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if

you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

*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**

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen, alleluia,  
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,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
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....