

Ita Compline

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Scripture from the NRSV.

*Collect :Steven Shakespeare, 'Prayers for an inclusive Church',
Canterbury Press, Norwich, 2008*

The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

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

- the priest, clergy team, people and
communities of the East vale and Avon
Churches*
- and for the Norwich Diocese.*

We begin by making the sign of the Cross

Preparation

**The Sacred Three
to save
to shield
to surround
this night every night**

Self-examination, Sorrow and forgiveness....

Search me, O God, and know my heart.
Test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

**O Father, O Son, O Holy Spirit,
forgive me my sins.
O only-begotten Son
of the heavenly Father,
forgive.**

**O God who is one,
O God who is true,
O God who is first,
O God who is one,
O God who is true ,
O God who is first,
O God who is one substance,
O God only mighty,
in three Persons, truly merciful
forgive.**

O God of life, this night,
O darken not to us thy light.

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

Hymn

Jubilate Deo
omnis terra
servite domino
in laetitia.
Alleluia, Alleluia
in laetitia.
Alleluia, Alleluia
in laetitia.

*Translation: Rejoice in the Lord, all you lands,
serve the Lord with gladness, Alleluia!*

*Text: Trad
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Psalmody

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Psalm 66;15-18

I called out to him with my mouth*
and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had nursed evil in my heart,*
the Lord would not have heard me,

But in truth God has heard me,*
He has heeded the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God,
who has not rejected my prayer,*
nor withheld his loving mercy from me.

**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

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you
another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the
Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive,
because it neither sees him nor knows him. You
know him, because he abides with you, and he will
be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.
In a little while the world will no longer see me, but
you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On
that day you will know that I am in my Father, and
you in me, and I in you. They who have my
commandments and keep them are those who love
me; and those who love me will be loved by my
Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to
them.”

John 14: 15-21

Response

Keep your people, Lord,
in the arms of your embrace.
Shelter them under your wings.

Intercession...

Father abide
Christ beside
Spirit reside
The Three shield

Be our light in darkness.
Be our hope in distress.
Be our calm in anxiety.
Be our strength in weakness.
Be our comfort in pain.
Be our song in the night.

Lord, help us to feel your harmony
deep within all creation.
The music of your creating, re-creating love.
Help us to feel its pulse,
throbbing life in our weariness,
hope and direction in our confusion

Weave us within your melodies
tune us to your way of love,
resolve our dissonance and lead us in the
ways of peace.

Lord, lift up our broken chords
and our missed notes;
guide us to sing with heart and soul and body
the new song you have created within us,

Lord, the Song of all Songs,
gather together all wonderful individuality
of the ever growing compositions we are
to share in the richness of your delight
in all you have created

Sacred Three, the triad, the founding chord of
all we are. The unity, the three in one.
Help all our songs to grow from yours;
our skirling lament,
our strong marches and creative modulations
of change,
our improvisations of delight,
our strong chords of unity,
our flights of fancy,
our delicate riffs of gentle fun and humour,
and our daily basic ground bass.

Be the tonic and dominant
that sets the key of our being.
Help us to join in the love-song
that you sing over all creation.

*bless all our church families... especially this night
we pray for the priest, clergy team and people of
The East Vale and Avon Churches. And for the
Norwich Diocese, and for her bishop and people.*

Holy God, Three in One,
enfold in love
heal in mercy
and hold in delight and mercy
those who have died.
Shield and encircle those who mourn
O Jesu, O Spirit, O loving Father,
hold.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Holy Three in One,
Lift these prayers this night
and hold us and all creation
always in the circle of your love

Collect for Eastertide

Trinity of love,
inviting us to abide you:
may we follow the Spirit of truth
through desert wild and city streets,
rutted field and snowbound height,
battleground and market square,
that your demanding love
might speak to the heart
of the manifold world;
through Jesus Christ, our Brother

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 Canticle)

**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!**

Blessing and departure

In peace will we lie down,
for it is you, O Lord,
you alone who makes us to rest secure.

Be it on your own beloved arm,
O God of grace, that we in peace shall awake.

**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.**

Amen

Goodnight