

# Compline : Night Prayer on Thursday

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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, church family, and  
community, of S. David, Ely, in Cardiff, in the  
Llandaff Diocese*
- *and for the Manchester Diocese*

O God, come to our aid,

**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.**

## Hymn

Father, Lord of all creation,  
ground of being, life and love;  
height and depth beyond description  
only life in you can prove:  
you are mortal life's dependence:  
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;  
yours is every hour's existence,  
Sovereign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the man for others,  
we, your children, make our prayer:  
help us love – as sisters, brothers  
all whose burdens we can share.  
Where your name binds us together  
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;  
where no selfishness can sever  
there your love the world may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, burning  
wind and flame of Pentecost,  
fire our hearts afresh with yearning  
to regain what we have lost.  
May your love unite our action,  
nevermore to speak alone:  
God, in us abolish faction,  
God, through us your love make known

*Text: Stewart Cross  
Music: 'Abbot's Leigh' Cyril Vincent Taylor  
(HON New Anglican 122)*

## Psalmody

### My body shall rest in safety

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you,  
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God\*  
my happiness lies in you alone.'

He has put into my heart a marvellous love\*  
for the faithful ones who dwell in his land.  
Those who choose other gods  
increase their sorrows.  
Never will I take their offerings of blood\*  
Never will I take their name upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you  
who are my portion and cup;\*  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
The lot marked out for me is my delight: \*  
welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,\*  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:\*  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;\*  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul  
among the dead,\*  
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,  
the fulness of joy in your presence,\*  
at your right hand, happiness for ever.

**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.**

**My body shall rest in safety**

### **Scripture reading**

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

Brothers and sisters, pray for us. Greet all God's people with a holy kiss. I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-28*

### **Responsory**

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit,  
**Into your hands, Lord,  
I commend my spirit**

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.  
**Into your hands, Lord,  
I commend my spirit**

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
**Into your hands, Lord,  
I commend my spirit**

### **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...*

## **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)**

**Save us Lord, while we are awake;  
protect us while we sleep;  
that we may keep watch with Christ,  
and rest with him in peace.**

**At last, all-powerful Master,  
you give leave to your servant  
to go in peace,  
according to your promise.**

**For my eyes have seen your salvation  
which you have prepared for all nations,  
the light to enlighten the Gentiles  
and give glory to Israel, your people.**

**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**

**Save us Lord, while we are awake;  
protect us while we sleep;  
that we may keep watch with Christ,  
and rest with him in peace.**

## ***Blessing and departure***

Lord our God,  
restore us again by the repose of sleep  
after the fatigue of our daily work:  
so that, continually renewed by your help,  
we may serve you in body and soul.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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

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

**Amen**

Goodnight ....