

# Compline : Night Prayer on Tuesday

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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 and ministry team, church family, and community, of The Bridge Church, Redditch, in the Worcester Diocese*
- and for the Gloucester Diocese*

## Preparation

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

**Amen.**

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

**Words of sorrow,  
love, mercy and forgiveness....**

*Time of silence*

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy**

O God make speed to save us.  
**O Lord make haste to help us.**

**Glory 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.**

## Song

Don't be afraid, my love is stronger;  
my love is stronger than your fear.  
Don't be afraid, my love is stronger,  
and I have promised to be always near

*John Bell, Iona Community.*

## Psalmody

**Show me, O Lord,  
the way that I should walk in**

Hear my prayer, O Lord,  
and in your faithfulness  
give ear to my supplications; \*  
answer me in your righteousness.

Enter not into judgement with your servant,\*  
for in your sight  
shall no one living be justified.

For the enemy has pursued me,  
crushing my life to the ground,\*  
making me sit in darkness  
like those long dead.

My spirit faints within me; \*  
my heart within me is desolate.

I remember the time past; I muse upon all  
your deeds; \*  
I consider the works of your hands.

I stretch out my hands to you;\*  
my soul gasps for you like a thirsty land.

O Lord, make haste to answer me;  
my spirit fails me;\*  
hide not your face from me  
lest I be like those who go down to the Pit.

Let me hear of your loving-kindness  
in the morning,  
for in you I put my trust; \*  
show me the way I should walk in,  
for I lift up my soul to you.

Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies,\*  
for I flee to you for refuge.

Teach me to do what pleases you,  
for you are my God;\*  
let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.

Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake;\*  
for your righteousness' sake,  
bring me out of trouble.  
In your faithfulness, slay my enemies,  
and destroy all the adversaries  
of my soul, \*  
for truly I am your servant.

*Psalm 143*

**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.**

**Show me, O Lord,  
the way that I should walk in**

### ***Scripture reading***

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep.

And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

And he said to them, "**Why are you afraid, you of little faith?**" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm.

They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

*Matthew 6:7-8*

*from the Anglican Eucharistic Lectionary for the day, NRSV*

### ***Responsory***

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

For you have redeemed me,  
Lord God of truth.  
**I commend my spirit.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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

Keep me as the apple of your eye,  
**Hide me under the shadow  
of your wings.**

### ***Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Cantic)***

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,  
and guard us while sleeping,  
that awake we may watch with Christ  
and asleep may rest in peace.**

**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**

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,  
and guard us while sleeping,  
that awake we may watch with Christ  
and asleep may rest in peace.**

### ***Intercession...***

*..... 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... prayers for those who are unwell, those who have died, and those who mourn*

## 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.  
Amen.**

### Collect

Keep watch, dear Lord,  
with those who wake,  
or watch,  
or weep this night,  
and give your angels  
charge over those who sleep.  
Tend the sick,  
give rest to the weary,  
sustain the dying,  
calm the suffering,  
and pity the distressed;  
all for your Love's sake,  
O Christ our Redeemer  
**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 Lord bless us, protect us from  
all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.  
Amen**