

# Ita Compline

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*Collect :Steven Shakespeare, 'Prayers for an inclusive Church',  
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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, clergy team, people and  
communities of the Ss. Philip and James,  
Hallow, in the Worcester Diocese*
- and for the Southwark 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

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,  
longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your Church, gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

*Christ, be our light!.....*

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

*Christ, be our light!.....*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
Walls made of living stone.

*Christ, be our light!.....*

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

*Christ, be our light!.....*

*Text and music: Bernadette Farrell (STF 706)*

## **Psalmody**

*Psalm 86: 1-10*

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,\*  
for I am poor and in misery.

Preserve my soul, for I am faithful;\*  
save your servant, for I put my trust in you.

Be merciful to me, O Lord,  
for you are my God;\*  
I call upon you all the day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant,\*  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, Lord, are good and forgiving,\*  
abounding in steadfast love  
to all who call upon you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer\*  
and listen to the voice of my supplication.

In the day of my distress I will call upon you,\*  
for you will answer me.

Among the gods  
there is none like you, O Lord,  
nor any works like yours.

All nations you have made shall come  
and worship you, O Lord,\*  
and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wonderful things,\*  
you alone are 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.**

## **Scripture reading**

**“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.**

*Matthew 10: 34*

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

*Hebrews 4: 12-13*

Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

*Ephesians 6 : 17*

## **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.

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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

God of truth uncovered,  
you trace the sparrow's flight,  
and plumb the secret places of the heart:  
bring our fear and conflict  
into the light of your presence;  
help us to lose our hollow life  
and find our way to you;  
through Jesus Christ,  
the master and the slave.  
**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)*

**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**

## *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 ....