

# Compline : Night Prayer on Sunday

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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 Old Church, Smethwick, in the Birmingham Diocese*
- and for the Lincoln 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.**

## **Hymn**

Thy Kingdom come!  
on bended knee the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see  
on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night  
not less to God belong;  
and for the everlasting right  
the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills  
the flags of dawn appear;  
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,  
proclaim the day is near.

The day in whose clear-shining light  
all wrong shall stand revealed,  
when justice shall be throned in might,  
and ev'ry hurt be healed.

When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,  
shall walk the earth abroad:  
the day of perfect righteousness,  
the promised day of God.

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Music: Margaret Rizza  
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## Psalmody

### I will sing to the Lord as long as I live

Bless the Lord, O my soul.\*  
O Lord my God, how excellent is your  
greatness!

You appointed the moon to mark the  
seasons,\*  
and the sun knows the time for its setting.

You make the darkness that it may be night,\*  
in which all the beasts of the forest creep  
forth.

The lions roar for their prey\*  
and seek their food from God.

The sun rises and they are gone\*  
to lay themselves down in their dens.

People go forth to their work\*  
and to their labour until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!\*  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the sea, spread far and wide,\*  
and there move creatures beyond number,  
both small and great.

There go the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan\*  
which you have made to play in the deep.

All of these look to you\*  
to give them their food in due season.

When you give it them, they gather it;\*  
you open your hand and they are filled with  
good.

When you hide your face they are troubled,\*  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return again to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit,  
they are created,\*  
and you renew the face of the earth.

**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.**

### I will sing to the Lord as long as I live

## Scripture reading

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

## **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 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.**

## **Intercession...**

*Bringing to mind those whom we pray for and  
holding them in God's love..., bringing the needs of  
the world, the church, those who have died, and  
those who have no-one to pray for them...*

### **Collect**

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.  
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**