

Cuthbert Compline for Tuesday

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Scripture from the NRSV*

The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

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

- the clergy, people and community of S. Leonard, Beoley, in the Worcester Diocese*
- and for the Manchester Diocese.*

We begin by making the sign of the Cross

Preparation

We will lie down and sleep in peace
for you alone, Lord,
make me dwell in safety.

O Creator and Spirit and Jesu, the Three,
from the crown of our heads, O Trinity,
to the soles of our feet our offering be.
Come we unto thee, O Jesu, my King –
O Jesu, do thou be our sheltering.

Time for reflection

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

I will not lie down tonight with sin,
nor shall sin, nor sin's shadow,
lie down with me.

Open now our hearts to you,
and fill us with the peace
that only you can give,
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

Hymn

He who would valiant be
'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy
follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset her round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound –
her strength the more is.
No foe shall stay her might,
though she with giants fight:
she will make good her right
to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend
us with thy Spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit,
Then, fancies, flee away!
We'll fear not what the world says
We'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.

*Text: Percy Dearmer (adapt)
Music: 'Monks Gate', trad RVW
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Words from Psalmody

Taken from Psalm 91

Whoever has chosen to make the shelter
of the Most High their dwelling place
will stay in his over-shadowing.

He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;
he is my God, and I am trusting in him.

He will rescue you
from the traps laid for your feet,
and save you from the destroying curse.

His faithful promises are your armour,
you need no longer be afraid
of any terror by night,
or the death-arrow that flies by day.

The Lord himself is your refuge;
you have made the Most High
your stronghold.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold.

How precious to me
are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand.
When I awake, I am still with you.

**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

In the days of Ahaz son of Jotham son of Uzziah, king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and King Pekah son of Remaliah of Israel went up to attack Jerusalem, but could not mount an attack against it. When the house of David heard that Aram had allied itself with Ephraim, the heart of Ahaz and the heart of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake before the wind.

Then the Lord said to Isaiah, Go out to meet Ahaz, you and your son Shear-jashub, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Fuller's Field, and say to him, Take heed, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint because of these two smouldering stumps of firebrands, because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and the son of Remaliah.

If you do not stand firm in faith,
you shall not stand at all.

*Isaiah 7: 1-4, 9b
(Anglican Eucharistic lectionary)*

Responsory

O God of life, this night,
O darken not to me thy Light.

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

O God of life, this night,
**thy door to me, O shut not tight,
O God of life, this night.**

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...

Collect

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

Be it on thine own beloved arm,
O God of Grace,
that we in peace shall waken.

The peace of all peace be ours this night

**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