

# Compline : Night Prayer for after Vespers II of Sunday

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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, church family, and  
community, of Ss. Philip & James, Hallow, in  
the Worcestershire Diocese
- and for the Chelmsford 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. Alleluia**

## Song

Jubilate Deo, omnis terra  
servite domino in Laetitia.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, in Laetitia,  
Alleluia, alleluia in Laetitia...

*Translation..*

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands, serve the Lord with  
gladness, Alleluia, alleluia....*

*Text and music: John Bell and Graham Maule  
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## Psalmody

**He will conceal you with his wings;  
you will not fear the terror of the night.**

He who dwells in the shelter  
of the Most High\*  
and abides in the shade of the Almighty  
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,\*  
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

It is he who will free you from the snare\*  
of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;  
he will conceal you with his pinions\*  
and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of the night\*  
nor the arrow that flies by day,  
nor the plague that prowls in the darkness\*  
nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

A thousand may fall at your side,\*  
ten thousand fall at your right,  
you it will never approach;\*  
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

Your eyes have only to look\*  
to see how the wicked are repaid,  
you, it will never approach;\*  
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

Your eyes have only to look\*  
to see how the wicked are repaid,  
you who have said: 'Lord, my refuge!'\*  
and have made the Most High your dwelling.

Upon you no evil shall fall,\*  
no plague approach where you dwell.  
for you has he commanded his angels,\*  
to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands\*  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.  
on the lion and the viper you will tread\*  
and trample the young lion and the dragon.

Since he clings to me in love, I will free him;\*  
protect him for he knows my name.  
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'\*  
I will save him in distress and give him glory.

With length of life I will content him;\*  
I shall let him see my saving power.

*Psalm 91*

**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.**

**He will conceal you with his wings;  
you will not fear the terror of the night.**

## Scripture reading

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting,

‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’

But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’

He answered, ‘**I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**’ But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ He answered, ‘**It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.**’ She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘**Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.**’ And her daughter was healed instantly.

*Matthew 15: 21-28, NRSV*

## 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...

*..... 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.**

## Song

Hear the call of the kingdom,  
lift your eyes to the King:  
let his song rise within you  
as a fragrant offering  
of how God, rich in mercy,  
came in Christ to redeem  
all who trust in his unfailing grace.

*King of heaven, we will answer the call.  
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,  
filled with passion,  
filled with power to proclaim  
salvation in Jesus’ Name.*

Hear the call of the kingdom  
to be children of light  
with the mercy of heaven,  
the humility of Christ;  
walking justly before him,  
loving all that is right,  
that the life of Christ may shine through us.

*King of heaven, we will answer the call....*

Hear the call of the kingdom  
to reach out to the lost  
with the Father’s compassion  
in the wonder of the cross,  
bringing peace and forgiveness,  
and a hope yet to come:  
let the nations put their trust in him.

*King of heaven, we will answer the call....*

## ***Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)***

**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.**

## ***Collect Prayer***

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples  
to be persistent in prayer;  
give us patience and courage  
never to lose hope  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ***Blessing and departure***

Let us pray

God our Father,  
as we have celebrated today the mystery  
of the Lord's resurrection,  
grant our humble prayer:  
free us from all harm  
that we may sleep in peace  
and rise in joy to sing your praise.  
Through Christ our Lord Amen.

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 ....

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