

# 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 Ss. John and James (the Litherland and Orrell Hey Team), in the Liverpool Diocese*
- and for the Oxford 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

My soul is filled with joy  
as I sing to God my Saviour:  
he has looked upon his servant,  
he has visited his people.

*And holy is his Name through all generations!  
Everlasting is his mercy  
to the people he has chosen,  
and holy is his Name.*

I am lowly as a child,  
but I know from this day forward  
that my name will be remembered  
and the world will call me blessed,

*And holy is his Name....*

I proclaim the pow'r of God!  
He does marvels for his servants;  
though he scatters the proud hearted  
and destroys the might of princes.

*And holy is his Name...*

To the hungry he gives food,  
sends the rich away empty.  
In his mercy he is mindful  
of the people he has chosen.

*And holy is his Name....*

In his love he now fulfills  
what he promised to our fathers.  
I will praise the Lord my Saviour.  
Everlasting is his mercy.

*And holy is his Name....*

*Text: unknown, based on Luke 1:46-55, Music Scottish Folk  
melody arr. C. Tambling  
(HON Liturgical 489)*

## 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

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked,  
"Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

He called a child, whom he put among them, and  
said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and  
become like children, you will never enter the  
kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like  
this child is the greatest in the kingdom of  
heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my  
name welcomes me."

*Matthew 18: 1-5*

## 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...*

*A Collect prayer may be prayed*

## 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 ....