

# Compline: Night Prayer for Thursday in Ordinary Time

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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, people and community of the  
Nene Crossing Benefice, in the Peterborough  
Diocese*
- *and for the Coventry 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.**

*A period of reflection on the past day...*

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal:  
have mercy on us.**

O God make speed to save us,  
**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**

## Hymn

O Jesus, Light of very Light,  
Redeemer of our fallen race,  
receive our earnest prayers and praise,  
extend to us your mercy's grace.

You once were seen by chosen three  
upon the mount, your face aglow  
with splendour to outshine the sun,  
and garments bright as purest snow.

The three Apostles grew in faith  
as this great vision they adored,  
while prophets of the ancient Law  
Bore witness to their God and Lord.

And then the Father's voice on high,  
proclaimed you as his Son most dear;  
our grateful hearts acclaim you King,  
our minds desire your words to hear.

## Psalmody

**The Lord is at my right hand,  
I shall not fall**

Preserve me, O God,  
for in you have I taken refuge;\*  
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my Lord,  
all my good depends on you.'

All my delight  
is upon the godly that are in the land,\*  
upon those who are noble in heart.

Though the idols are legion  
that many run after,\*  
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,  
neither make mention  
of their names upon my lips.

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;\*  
in your hands alone is my fortune.

My share has fallen in a fair land;\*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord  
who has given me counsel,\*  
and in the night watches  
he instructs my heart.

I have set the Lord always before me;\*  
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart is glad,  
and my spirit rejoices;\*  
my flesh also shall rest secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Death,\*  
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence is the fullness of joy\*  
and in your right hand  
are pleasures for evermore.

*Psalm 16*

**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.**

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I shall not fall**

### ***Scripture reading***

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said,

"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

*Luke 9: 28:36*

### ***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  
**Into your hands, O Lord,  
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 Cantic)***

**Grant us your light, O Lord,  
that the darkness of our hearts  
being overcome,  
we may receive the true light,  
even Christ our Saviour. Alleluia**

**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**

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that the darkness of our hearts  
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## **Intercession...**

Holy God, in whom we live and move  
and have our being,  
we make our prayer to you, saying,  
Lord hear us.

*holding each other in God's love ..., bringing the  
needs of the world, the church, and those who have  
no-one to pray for them... prayers for those who are  
unwell, those who have died, and those who mourn*

## **Collect**

Father in heaven,  
whose Son Jesus Christ  
was wonderfully transfigured  
before chosen witnesses  
on the holy mountain,  
and spoke of the exodus  
he would accomplish at Jerusalem:  
give us strength so to hear his voice  
and bear our cross  
that in the world to come  
we may see him as he is;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**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.**

## **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**