

# Compline : Night Prayer on Thursday

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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, curate and ministry team, church family, and community, of S. John the Evangelist, in the Birmingham Diocese*
- and for the Worcester 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

There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice,  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings have  
such kindly judgment giv'n.

For the love of God is broader  
than the scope of human mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more simple,  
we should take him at his word;  
and our hearts would find assurance  
in the promise of the Lord.

*Text : Frederick William Faber  
Music: from the Paderborn Gesangbuch  
(HON New Anglican 501)*

## 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 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.

*Psalms 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.**

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

## **Scripture reading**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, **“Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”** Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.”

When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Then Jesus said to Simon, **“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.”** When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

*Luke 5: 1-11*

*Taken from the Anglican Eucharistic Lectionary for the day,  
NRSV*

## **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**

Keep watch, dear Lord,  
with those who wake,  
or watch,  
or weep this night,  
and give your angels  
charge over those who sleep.  
Tend the sick,  
give rest to the weary,  
sustain the dying,  
calm the suffering,  
and pity the distressed;  
all for your Love's sake,  
O Christ our Redeemer. 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.**

## **Hymn of intercession**

Ye who own the faith of Jesus  
sing the wonders that were done,  
when the love of God the Father  
o'er sin vict'ry won  
when he made the Virgin Mary  
mother of his only Son.  
*Hail Mary, Hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace*

For the sick and for the aged,  
for our dear ones far away,  
for the hearts that mourn in secret,  
all who need our prayers today,  
for the faithful gone before us,  
may the Holy Virgin pray...  
*Hail Mary, Hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace*

Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,  
praise thy Saviour and thy Son,  
praise the everlasting Spirit,  
who hath made thee ark and throne;  
o'er all creatures high exalted,  
lowly praise the Three in One,  
*Hail Mary, Hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace*

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Music: from the Paderborn Gesangbuch  
(HON New Anglican 568)*

## **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**