

# Compline: Night Prayer for Sunday S. Francis of Assisi

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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 community of Glasshampton Monastery*
- *and for the Truro 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

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred,  
let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury your pardon, Lord,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life,  
let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*Text : Sebastian Temple, based on the Prayer of S. Francis  
Music: 'Hereford' Samuel Sebastien Wesley  
(Hymns AMR 329)*

## Psalmody

### I will sing to the Lord as long as I live

Bless the Lord, O my soul.\*  
O Lord my God,  
how excellent is your greatness!

You appointed the moon  
to mark the seasons,\*  
and the sun knows the time for its setting.

You make darkness that it may be night,\*  
in which all the beasts of the forest  
creep forth.

The lions roar for their prey\*  
and seek their food from God.

The sun rises and they are gone\*  
to lay themselves down in their dens.

People go forth to their work\*  
and to their labour until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!\*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
There is the sea, spread far and wide,\*  
and there move creatures beyond number,  
both small and great.

There go the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan\*  
which you have made to play in the deep.

All of these look to you\*  
to give them their food in due season.

When you give it them, they gather it;\*  
you open your hand  
and they are filled with good.

When you hide your face they are troubled;\*  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return again to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit,  
they are created,\*  
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;\*  
may the Lord rejoice in his works.

*Psalm 104: 1, 21-33*

**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.**

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live**

### ***Scripture reading***

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*Matthew 21: 33 – end*

*Taken from the Anglican Eucharistic Lectionary for the day*

### ***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 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...***

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 for S. Francis**

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself  
to the childlike and lowly of heart:  
grant that, following the example  
of the blessed Francis,  
we may count the wisdom of this world  
as foolishness

and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified,  
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 Risen Lord Jesus bless us,  
may he watch over us and renew us  
as he renews the whole of creation.  
May our hearts and lives echo his love.

**May the Lord bless us, protect us from  
all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.  
Amen**