

# Compline : Night Prayer

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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, clergy and ministry team, church family, and community, of S. George, Barbourne in Worcester Diocese*
- and for the S. David's Diocese*

## Opening Responses

Peace on each one who comes in need  
**Peace on each one who comes in Joy**

Peace on each one who offers prayers,  
**Peace on each one who offers song**

Peace of the Maker, peace of the Son  
**Peace of the Spirit, the Triune One.**

## Song and response

O God, for your love for us,  
warm and brooding,  
which has brought us to birth  
and opened our eyes  
to the wonder and beauty of creation,  
**we give you thanks**

Be still and know that I am God  
Be still and know that I am God  
Be still and know that I am God

For your love for us, wild and freeing,  
which has awakened us  
to the energy of creation:  
to the sap that flows,  
the blood that pulses,  
the heart that sings.  
**We give you thanks**

I am the Lord, who saves and heals  
I am the Lord, who saves and heals  
I am the Lord, who saves and heals

For your love for us, strong and challenging,  
which has called us to risk for you,  
asked for the best in us,  
and shown us how to serve  
**we give you thanks.**

In you, O Lord I put my trust,  
In you, O Lord I put my trust,  
In you, O Lord I put my trust.

*Song: Text anonymous. (STF 18)*

## Words of love, mercy and grace

O God, we come to celebrate  
that your Holy Spirit  
is present deep within us,  
and at the heart of all life.

Forgive us when we forget your gift of love  
made known to us in Jesus,  
and draw us into your presence.

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Psalmody - Hymn

O God, you search me and you know me.  
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.  
When I walk or lie down you are before me:  
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.  
You discern my purpose from afar,  
and with love everlasting you besiege me:  
in every moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,  
you have known its meaning  
through and through.  
You are with me, beyond my understanding:  
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,  
still I search for shelter from your light.  
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:  
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,  
gave me life within my mother's womb.  
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:  
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

*Text and music: Bernadette Farrell, psalm 139  
(STF 728)*

**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**

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me."

But the Lord answered her, "**Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.**"

*Luke 10: 38 - end*

*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.**

## **Intercession...**

We bring to you, Lord, those whom we have met or remembered today and for whom we want to pray....

We come to you, Lord, with all who are hurting tonight and ask God's holding healing love...

We come to you, Lord, with a troubled situation in our world tonight...

We come to you, Lord, with in our hearts, someone whom we find hard to forgive or trust....

We come ourselves to you, Lord, that we might grow in generosity of spirit, clarity of mind, and warmth of affection....

We come to you, Lord, as your beloved, your Church, your body here on earth, and our communities... especially...

We come to you, Lord, as part of the Church worldwide and those who lead and guide us...

We come to you, eternal Loving God, bearing in our hearts those who those who have died, that they may know the peace and joy of life with God....

We come to you, Lord, with all who mourn, that they may know your strength and comfort...

We come to you, Lord, as day falls to night, asking your grace, your healing mercy, to enlarge our hearts with courage to grow, to reach out, to receive, to bear your grace....

To live with you seeking to build with you  
your kingdom... to do justice, and to love  
kindness, and to walk humbly with you, our  
God

### **Collect**

Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating of Jesus Christ our Lord  
**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.**

### ***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***

O Trinity of Love,  
you have been with us  
at the world's beginning  
**Be with us until the World's end**

You have been with us at our life's shaping,  
**Be with us at our life's end.**

You have been with us at the sun's rising  
**Be with us 'til the day's end**

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