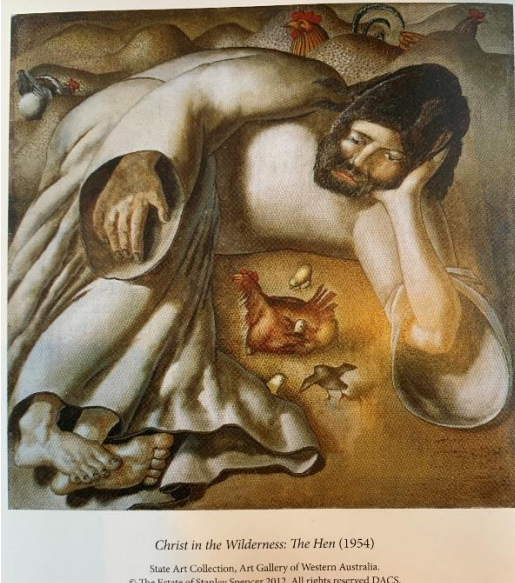


# Compline : Night Prayer on Thursdays

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## The Gathering ...



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*From our cycle of prayer for this dispersed worshipping community: Tonight's Office Prayer is offered for*

- *Fr. Bamidele and Revd. Steve, and the people and community of S. Mary the Virgin, Leigh, in Manchester Diocese*
- *and for the South Worcester Methodist Circuit*

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 love and penitence...

**Most merciful God,  
we confess to you,  
before the whole company of heaven  
and one another,  
that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed  
and in what we have failed to do.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
heal us by your Spirit  
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

Favour us Lord, and deliver us  
**Lord, come quickly and help us.**

*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.**

## Song

Faithful One, so unchanging,  
Ageless One, you're my rock of peace.  
Lord of all, I depend on you,  
I call out to you again and again.  
I call out to you again and again.  
You are my rock in times of trouble.  
You lift me up when I fall down.  
All through the storm  
your love is the anchor,  
my hope is in you alone.

*Words and music: Brian Doerksen  
(STF 628)*

## Psalmody

**You, Lord, are my portion, my cup**

Protect me, God,  
because I take refuge in you.  
I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord.  
Apart from you, I have nothing good."

Now as for the "holy ones" in the land,  
the "magnificent ones"  
that I was so happy about;  
let their suffering increase  
because they hurried after a different god.  
I won't participate in their blood offerings;  
I won't participate in their blood offerings;  
I won't let their names cross my lips.

You, Lord, are my portion, my cup;  
You control my destiny.

The property lines  
have fallen beautifully for me;  
yes, I have a lovely home.  
I will bless the Lord who advises me;  
even at night I am instructed  
in the depths of my mind.

I always put the Lord in front of me;  
I will not stumble  
because he is on my right side.

That's why my heart celebrates  
and my mood is joyous;  
Yes, my whole body will rest in safety  
because you won't abandon my life  
to the grave;  
you won't let your faithful follower  
see the pit.

You teach me the way of life.  
In your presence is total celebration.  
Beautiful things are always in your right hand.

**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.**

**You, Lord, are my portion, my cup**

### ***Psalm Prayer***

Give to us, Lord Christ,  
the fullness of grace,  
your presence and your very self,  
for you are our portion and our delight  
now and forever.

### ***Scripture reading***

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."

He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

*Luke 13: 31- 35*

### ***Responsory***

Lord, I entrust my spirit into your hands.  
**Lord, I entrust my spirit into your hands.**

For you, Lord, God of faithfulness –  
you have saved me.  
**Lord, I entrust my spirit into your hands.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit  
**Lord, I entrust my spirit into your hands.**

Keep me, O God, as the apple of an 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, Master, let your servant  
go in peace according to your word,  
because my eyes have seen  
your salvation.**

**You prepared this salvation  
in the presence of all peoples.**

**It's a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and a glory for 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 ever shall be;  
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...***

*..... 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...*

### **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.**

### ***Collect***

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray  
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;  
may your holy angels dwell with us  
and guard us in peace,  
and may your blessing be always upon us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### ***Blessing and departure***

We will lie down and fall asleep in peace,  
**because you alone, Lord,  
let us live 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**

*Goodnight ....*