

# Compline : Night Prayer for after Vespers II of Sunday

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## The Gathering ...

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

- the clergy, ministry team, church family, and  
community, of Worcester Cathedral
- and for the Gloucester Diocese

O God, come to our aid,  
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**

## Hymn

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Stand up before his cross,  
an instrument of torture  
inflicting pain and loss;  
transformed by his obedience  
to God's redeeming plan,  
the cross was overpowered by Christ,  
both God and man.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
be counted as his own;  
his gospel of forgiveness  
he cannot spread alone.  
The love which draws us to him,  
he calls us out to share;  
he calls us to the margins  
to be his presence there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
in faith and hope be strong,  
stand firm for right and justice,  
opposed to sin and wrong.  
Give comfort to the wounded,  
and care for those in pain,  
for Christ, in those who suffer,  
is crucified again.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
give courage to the weak,  
be unashamed to praise him,  
be bold his name to speak.  
Confront the cross unflinching,  
Christ's love has set us free;  
he conquered death for ever  
and lives eternally

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## Psalmody

**He will conceal you with his wings;  
you will not fear the terror of the night.**

He who dwells in the shelter  
of the Most High\*  
and abides in the shade of the Almighty  
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,\*  
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

It is he who will free you from the snare\*  
of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;  
he will conceal you with his pinions\*  
and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of the night\*  
nor the arrow that flies by day,  
nor the plague that prowls in the darkness\*  
nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

A thousand may fall at your side,\*  
ten thousand fall at your right,  
you it will never approach,\*  
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

Your eyes have only to look\*  
to see how the wicked are repaid,  
you who have said: 'Lord, my refuge!'\*  
and have made the Most High your dwelling.

Upon you no evil shall fall,\*  
no plague approach where you dwell.  
for you has he commanded his angels,\*  
to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands\*  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.  
on the lion and the viper you will tread\*  
and trample the young lion and the dragon.

Since he clings to me in love, I will free him;\*  
protect him for he knows my name.  
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'\*  
I will save him in distress and give him glory.

With length of life I will content him;\*  
I shall let him see my saving power.

*Psalm 91*

**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.**

**He will conceal you with his wings;  
you will not fear the terror of the night.**

### ***Scripture reading***

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*John 2: 13- 22*

### ***Responsory***

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit,  
**Into your hands, Lord,  
I commend my spirit**

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.  
**Into your hands, Lord,  
I commend my spirit**

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
**Into your hands, Lord,  
I commend my spirit**

### ***Intercession...***

*Bidding prayers may be offered*

### ***Collect***

Eternal God,  
give us insight to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in 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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### ***Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)***

**Save us Lord, while we are awake;  
protect us while we sleep;  
that we may keep watch with Christ,  
and rest with him in peace.**

**At last, all-powerful Master,  
you give leave to your servant  
to go in peace,  
according to your promise.**

**For my eyes have seen your salvation  
which you have prepared for all nations,  
the light to enlighten the Gentiles  
and give glory to Israel, your people.**

**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 Lord, while we are awake;  
protect us while we sleep;  
that we may keep watch with Christ,  
and rest with him in peace.**

## ***Blessing and departure***

Let us pray

God our Father,  
as we have celebrated today the mystery  
of the Lord's resurrection,  
grant our humble prayer:  
free us from all harm  
that we may sleep in peace  
and rise in joy to sing your praise.  
Through Christ our Lord Amen.

The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect  
end.

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

**Amen**