

# Cuthbert Compline

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Scripture from the NRSV*

## The Gathering ...

### Welcome and introduction

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### We begin by making the sign of the Cross

## Preparation

We will lie down and sleep in peace  
for you alone, Lord,  
make me dwell in safety.

O Creator and Spirit and Jesu, the Three,  
from the crown of our heads, O Trinity,  
to the soles of our feet our offering be.  
Come we unto thee, O Jesu, my King –  
O Jesu, do thou be our sheltering.

### Time for reflection

Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy

I will not lie down tonight with sin,  
nor shall sin, nor sin's shadow,  
lie down with me.

Open now our hearts to you,  
and fill us with the peace  
that only you can give,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen.**

## Hymn

I am the bread of life,  
you who come to me shall not hunger;  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No-one can come to me,  
unless the Father beckons.

*And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live for ever, you shall live for ever.

*And I will raise you up....*

Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man,  
and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you.

*And I will raise you up....*

I am the resurrection, I am the life.  
If you believe in me, even though you die,  
you shall live for ever.

*And I will raise you up....*

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
who has come into the world.

*And I will raise you up....*

*Text and Music: Suzanne Toolan*

## Words from Psalmody

*Taken from Psalm 91*

### Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Whoever has chosen to make the shelter  
of the Most High their dwelling place  
will stay in his over-shadowing.

He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;  
he is my God, and I am trusting in him.

He will rescue you  
from the traps laid for your feet,  
and save you from the destroying curse.

His faithful promises are your armour,  
you need no longer be afraid  
of any terror by night,  
or the death-arrow that flies by day.

The Lord himself is your refuge;

you have made the Most High  
your stronghold.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold.

How precious to me  
are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them,  
they would outnumber the grains of sand.  
When I awake, I am still with you.

**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! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **Scripture reading**

No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

*John 6: 44- 51*

*Taken from the Anglican Eucharistic lectionary for the day*

### **Responsory**

O God of life, this night,  
**O darken not to me thy Light.**

O God of life, this night,  
**close not thy gladness to my sight.**

O God of life, this night,  
**thy door to me, O shut not tight,  
O God of life, this night.**

### **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...*

### **Collect for Eastertide**

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples  
with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace  
to the glory of God the Father  
**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 Cantic)**

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen, alleluia,  
as he promised to you, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**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**

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen, alleluia,  
as he promised to you, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Amen**

Goodnight ....

## ***Blessing and departure***

Be it on thine own beloved arm,  
O God of Grace,  
that we in peace shall waken.

The peace of all peace be ours this night

**May the peace of the Lord Christ  
go with us,  
wherever we may wander,  
may he guide us through the wilderness,  
protect us through the storm.  
May he bring us back rejoicing,  
at the wonders he has shown us,  
may he bring us back, rejoicing,  
once again through those doors.**

## ***Regina Caeli***

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven  
Alleluia  
He whom thou wast meet to bear  
Alleluia  
As he promised has arisen  
Alleluia  
Pour for us to God thy prayer  
Alleluia**

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary  
**For the Lord is risen indeed!**

O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son  
Jesus Christ from the dead brought joy to the  
whole world, grant that, aided by the prayers  
of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we too may  
know the joys of eternal life through the same  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**