

# Compline : Night Prayer

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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)*

## The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

## 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

## 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.

## Psalmody

I love the Lord, because he has heard my  
voice and my supplications

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I  
will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
"O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

Gracious is the Lord and righteous,  
Our God is merciful

*Psalm 116: 1 - 5*

**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

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

*Luke 12: 32, 34*

*Taken from the Anglican Eucharistic Lectionary for the day,*

*NRSV*

## Hymn

Sweet heart of Jesus,  
fount of love and mercy,  
today we come, thy blessing to implore:  
O touch our hearts,  
so cold and so ungrateful,  
and make them, Lord,  
thine own for evermore.

*Sweet heart of Jesus, we implore,  
O make us love thee, more and more.*

Sweet heart of Jesus,  
make us know and love thee,  
unfold to us the treasures of thy grace;  
that so our hearts,  
from things of earth uplifted,  
may long alone to gaze upon thy face.

*Sweet heart of Jesus...*

Sweet heart of Jesus,  
fill us with your Spirit,  
and teach us how to do thy blessed will,  
to see your face in every human visage,  
that the whole world  
may with your love be filled.

*Sweet heart of Jesus...*

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v. 3 Adapted Cecilia March  
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## 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, bless 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

### **The collect for S. Clare**

God of peace, who in the poverty of S. Clare gave us a clear light to shine in the darkness of this world: give us grace so to follow in her footsteps that we may, at the last, rejoice with her in your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 the kingdom, the power and the  
glory, are yours for ever and ever.  
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**