

United Benefice of Sissinghurst with Frittenden

Traditional Night Prayer (Compline)

Friday 31st July

Preparation

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

All Amen.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the
devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking
whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the
faith.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Thanks be to God.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

All who hath made heaven and earth.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

**All Father,
we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May the almighty and merciful Lord
grant unto us pardon
and remission of all our sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;

**All as it was in the beginning is now
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

All The Lord's name be praised.

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

[Music: Celebration Choir]

The Word of God

Psalm 143 (v1-6)

¹ LORD, hear my prayer,
listen to my cry for mercy;
in your faithfulness and righteousness
come to my relief.

² Do not bring your servant into judgment,
for no one living is righteous before you.

³ The enemy pursues me,
he crushes me to the ground;
he makes me dwell in the darkness
like those long dead.

⁴ So my spirit grows faint within me;
my heart within me is dismayed.

⁵ I remember the days of long ago;
I meditate on all your works
and consider what your hands have done.

⁶ I spread out my hands to you;
I thirst for you like a parched land.

**All Glory be to the Father
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Luke 11:1-10

11 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When
he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord,
teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

² He said to them, 'When you pray, say:
"Father, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation."

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, 'Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him." ⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, "Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything." ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹ So I say to you: ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

All Thanks be to God.

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon) Lk 2:29-32

**All Preserve us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.**

¹ Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.

² For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;

³ Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

⁴ To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**All Preserve us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.**

Prayers

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Prayers and petitions...

**All Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in 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.**

Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers:

All to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

Let us bless the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Ghost:

All let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord,
in the firmament of heaven:

All to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

The almighty and most merciful Lord
guard us and give us his blessing.

All Amen.

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place,
and drive from it all the snares of the enemy;
let thy holy angels dwell herein
to preserve us in peace;
and may thy blessing be upon us evermore;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Conclusion

We will lay us down in peace
and take our rest.

**All For it is thou, Lord, only
that makest us dwell in safety.**

Abide with us, O Lord,

**All for it is toward evening
and the day is far spent.**

As the watchmen look for the morning,

All so do we look for thee, O Christ.

The Lord be with you

All and with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost,
bless us and preserve us.

All Amen.

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