

*United Benefice of  
Sissinghurst with  
Frittenden*

**Night Prayer  
(Compline)**  
*Tuesday  
1<sup>st</sup> September*



### **Preparation**

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.**

*We pause and reflect on the past day  
in the presence of our merciful Father...*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours  
as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory 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.  
Amen.**

1. In heavenly love abiding,  
no change my heart shall fear;  
and safe is such confiding,  
for nothing changes here:  
the storm may roar without me,  
my heart may low be laid;  
but God is round about me,  
and can I be dismayed?

2. Wherever he may guide me,  
no want shall turn me back;  
my Shepherd is beside me,  
and nothing can I lack:  
his wisdom ever waketh,  
his sight is never dim,  
he knows the way he taketh,  
and I will walk with him.

3. Green pastures are before me,  
which yet I have not seen;  
bright skies will soon be o'er me,  
where darker clouds have been;  
my hope I cannot measure,  
my path to life is free;  
my Saviour has my treasure,  
and he will walk with me.

[Music - Let Jesus Christ Be Praised - Westminster Central Hall Choir &  
The Epworth Singers]

### **Psalm 119 The Word of God**

- 1 Blessed are those whose ways are  
blameless,  
who walk according to the law of the Lord.
- 2 **Blessed are those who keep his statutes  
and seek him with all their heart –**
- 3 they do no wrong  
but follow his ways.
- 4 **You have laid down precepts  
that are to be fully obeyed.**
- 5 Oh, that my ways were steadfast  
in obeying your decrees!
- 6 **Then I would not be put to shame  
when I consider all your commands.**
- 7 I will praise you with an upright heart  
as I learn your righteous laws.
- 8 **I will obey your decrees;  
do not utterly forsake me.**

**Glory 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. Amen.**

### **Scripture Reading Titus 2**

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared that  
offers salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup>It teaches us  
to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly  
passions, and to live self-controlled, upright  
and godly lives in this present age, <sup>13</sup>while  
we wait for the blessed hope – the appearing  
of the glory of our great God and Saviour,

Jesus Christ,<sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

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**

***Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon) Lk 2.29-32***

**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 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. **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.**

## Prayers

***Intercessions, thanksgivings...***

### ***The 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.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen**



## The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
**for you alone, Lord,  
make us dwell 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.**

The Lord bless us and watch over us;  
the Lord make his face shine upon us  
and be gracious to us;  
the Lord look kindly on us  
and give us peace.  
**Amen.**

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