

United Benefice of
Sissinghurst with
Frittenden
Traditional Night
Prayer (Compline)
Friday 4th September



Preparation

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

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.

Thanks be to God.

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who hath made heaven and earth.

**We confess to God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost,
that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed,
through our own grievous fault.**

**Wherefore we pray God
to have mercy upon us.**

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us,
forgive us all our sins
and deliver us from all evil,
confirm and strengthen us
in all goodness,
and bring us to life everlasting;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

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 Ghost;

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

Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

**1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here.**

**2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.**

**3 Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace -
No work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.**

[Music - Great Hymns from Lincoln - Lincoln Minster School
Chamber Choir]

The Word of God

Psalm 119

⁹ Wherewithal shall a young man
cleanse his way?

by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.

¹⁰ **With my whole heart have I sought thee:
O let me not wander from thy
commandments.**

¹¹ Thy word have I hid in mine heart,
that I might not sin against thee.

¹² **Blessed art thou, O Lord:
teach me thy statutes.**

¹³ With my lips have I declared all the
judgments of thy mouth.

¹⁴ **I have rejoiced in the way of thy
testimonies,
as *much as* in all riches.**

¹⁵ I will meditate in thy precepts,
and have respect unto thy ways.

¹⁶ **I will delight myself in thy statutes:
I will not forget thy word.**

**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 2 Chronicles 7

¹² And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. ¹³ If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; ¹⁴ if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

¹⁵ Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place. ¹⁶ For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

Thanks be to God.

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

**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.

**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.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Prayers and petitions...

**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:

**to be praised and glorified
above all for ever.**

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

**let us magnify and praise him
for ever.**

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

**to be praised and glorified
above all for ever.**

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

Amen.

Lighten our darkness,
we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour,
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Conclusion

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

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

Abide with us, O Lord,
**for it is toward evening
and the day is far spent.**

As the watchmen look for the morning,
so do we look for thee, O Christ.

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Amen.

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