

*United Benefice of  
Sissinghurst with Frittenden  
Traditional Night Prayer (Compline)  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September*



### 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 Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,

2 Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3 Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will, and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart; it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

[Music: The Best Hymns Album, St. Michael's Singers]

### The Word of God

#### **Psalm 119**

<sup>25</sup>I am laid low in the dust;  
preserve my life according to your word.  
<sup>26</sup>I gave an account of my ways and you answered me;  
teach me your decrees.  
<sup>27</sup>Cause me to understand the way of your precepts,  
that I may meditate on your wonderful deeds.  
<sup>28</sup>My soul is weary with sorrow;  
strengthen me according to your word.  
<sup>29</sup>Keep me from deceitful ways;  
be gracious to me and teach me your law.  
<sup>30</sup>I have chosen the way of faithfulness;  
I have set my heart on your laws.  
<sup>31</sup>I hold fast to your statutes, LORD;  
do not let me be put to shame.  
<sup>32</sup>I run in the path of your commands,  
for you have broadened my understanding.

**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 18:18-30**

<sup>18</sup>A certain ruler asked him, 'Good teacher, what must I  
do to inherit eternal life?'

<sup>19</sup>'Why do you call me good?' Jesus answered. 'No one  
is good – except God alone. <sup>20</sup>You know the  
commandments: "You shall not commit adultery, you  
shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give  
false testimony, honour your father and mother."'

<sup>21</sup> 'All these I have kept since I was a boy,' he said.

<sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to him, 'You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'

<sup>23</sup> When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. <sup>24</sup> Jesus looked at him and said, 'How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'

<sup>26</sup> Those who heard this asked, 'Who then can be saved?'

<sup>27</sup> Jesus replied, 'What is impossible with man is possible with God.'

<sup>28</sup> Peter said to him, 'We have left all we had to follow you!'

<sup>29</sup> 'Truly I tell you,' Jesus said to them, 'no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God <sup>30</sup> will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.'

**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.**

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

<sup>2</sup> For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;

<sup>3</sup> Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

<sup>4</sup> 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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