

# The Cuthbert Compline – Tuesday of the Fifth week of Lent

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## **The Gathering ...**

Welcome and introduction

We begin by making the sign of the cross

We will lie down and sleep in peace,  
**For you alone, Lord,  
make me dwell in safety.**

O God, and Spirit, and Jesu, the Three,  
from the crown of my head, O Trinity,  
to the soles of my feet mine offering be.  
Come I unto thee, O Jesu, my King –  
O Jesu, do thou be my sheltering.

## **Song / hymn**

Wait for the Lord  
the Lord is near  
wait for the Lord,  
be strong, take heart.

## **Intercession...**

**My dear ones, O God,  
bless thou and keep,  
in every place where they are**

*..... intercession..... Bringing to mind those whom we  
pray for and holding them in God's love..., bringing  
the needs of the world before the church, and those  
who have no-one to pray for them...*

## **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 thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## **Words from the psalms...**

Whoever has chosen to make  
the shelter of the Most High  
their dwelling place,  
will stay in his overshadowing.

He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;  
He is my God and I am trusting Him.

He will rescue you  
from the traps laid for your feet,  
and save you from the destroying curse.

His faithful promises are your armour.  
You need no long be afraid  
of any terror by night,  
or the death-arrow that flies by day.

The Lord himself is your refuge;  
you have made the most high  
your stronghold.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
For you are my crag and my stronghold.

How precious to me  
are your thoughts, O God!  
how vast is the sum of them!  
Were I to count them,  
They would outnumber the grains of sand.  
When I am awake, I am still with you.

Time of recollection and commendation...

**I will not lie down tonight with sin,  
nor shall sin,  
nor sin's shadow,  
lie down with me.**

**O God of life, this night,  
O darken not to me thy light.  
O God of life, this night,  
close not thy gladness to my sight.  
O God of life this night,  
thy door to me, O shut not tight,  
O God of life, this night.**

*Reading from the scriptures....*

### ***Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)***

**Save us Lord, while we are awake;  
protect us while we sleep;  
that we may keep watch with Christ,  
and rest with him 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 Lord, while we are awake;  
protect us while we sleep;  
that we may keep watch with Christ,  
and rest with him in peace.**

**Be it on thine own beloved arm,  
O God of grace,  
That I in peace shall waken.**

**Jesu, Son of Mary!  
my helper, my encircler.**

**Jesu, Son of David!  
My strength everlasting.**

**Jesu, Son of Mary!  
my helper, my encircler.**

### ***Blessing and departure***

**May the peace of the Lord Christ  
go with you us,  
wherever we may wander.  
May he guide us through the wilderness,  
protect us through the storm.  
May he bring us back rejoicing  
at the wonders he has shown us.  
May he bring us back rejoicing,  
once again through these doors.**

**May the Lord bless us, protect us from  
all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.**

**Amen**

*Goodnight ....*