

LIVE AT FIVE

“SPIRIT OF GOD”



The offering of prayer late in the evening, by laity, religious orders or clergy, often called Compline, has sometimes been described as the ‘goodnight prayer of the Church.’ It rounds off the day and prepares us for a quiet night. As the psalmist wrote:

“I lie down in peace and take my rest for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid.”

Evening & Night Prayers derives its content from the wisdom of the centuries in Scripture and above all in the psalms, but also from contemporary Christian experience of God. It celebrates the awareness that each of us who tries to pray is a part of the human whole. So we are taken over the threshold from daytime, not in a mood of self-centred spirituality, but as representatives of humanity, acknowledging our humanity before God.

Take my life, and let it be consecrated

Refrain

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days: let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*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. Refrain*

*Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose. Refrain*

*Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Refrain*

*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. Refrain*

Leader The angels of God guard us through the night.

People **And quiet the powers of darkness.**

Leader The Spirit of God be our Guide.

People **To lead us to peace and glory.**

Leader It is but lost labour that we haste to rise up early,
And so late take rest, and eat the bread of anxiety.
For those beloved of God are given gifts even while they sleep.

Silence

Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore him!

Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore him; praise him angels in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him; praise him, all ye stars of light.
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken; worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws which never shall be broken for their guidance he hath made.

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious never shall his promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation! Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
heaven and earth, and all creation, laud and magnify his Name.

Leader My brothers and sisters, our help is in the name of the eternal God.
People **who is making the heavens and the earth.**

Leader Dear God,
Thank you for all that is good, for our creation and our Humanity,
For the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth,
For the gifts of life and of one another,
For your love which is unbounded and eternal.
O thou, most holy and beloved, my Companion, my Guide upon the way,
My bright evening star.

Silence

Where charity and love prevail

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear his charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
be his the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of his body joined, we are in him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed, if honored be God's name;
our common life embraces all whose Father is the same.

Leader Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Leader Lord, have mercy.

*Leader &
People*

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be
Father and Mother of us all.
Loving God, in who is heaven.**

**The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
Sustain our hope and come on heart.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us,
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us,
In the times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From times of trials too great to endure, spare us,
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
Now and forever. Amen.**

**You are most holy and beloved,
My Companion, my Guide upon the way,
My bright evening star.**

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger,
I'm traveling through this world below;
There is no sickness, toil, nor danger,
In that bright world to which I go.
I'm going there to see my father,
I'm going there no more to roam;
I'm just a going over Jordan,
I'm just a going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather o'er me,
I know my pathway's rough and steep;
But golden fields lie out before me,
Where weary eyes no more shall weep.
I'm going there to see my mother,
She said she'd meet me when I come;
I'm just a going over Jordan,
I'm just a going over home.

I want to sing salvations story,
In concert with the blood-washed band;
I want to wear a crown of glory,
When I get home to that good land.
I'm going there to see my brothers,
They passed before me one by one;
I'm just a going over Jordan,
I'm just a going over home.

I'll soon be free from every trial,
This form will rest beneath the sod;
I'll drop the cross of self-denial,
And enter in my home with God.
I'm going there to see my Savior,
Who shed for me His precious blood;
I'm just a going over Jordan,
I'm just a going over home.

Reflection

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove;
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Savior's love!*

You spoke to us long, long ago,
gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth
through it God's voice is heard. *Refrain*

Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your strength,
following Christ each day. *Refrain*

Leader We have wounded your love,
People **Oh God, heal us.**

Leader We stumble in the darkness.
People **Light of the world transfigure us.**

Leader We forget that we are your home.
People **Spirit of God, dwell in us.**
Eternal Spirit, living God,
In whom we live and move and have our being,
all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you,
to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us.
Living flame burn into us,
Fountain of water, well up within us,
That we may love and praise in deed and in truth.

Leader Eternal Spirit, flow through our being and open our lips.
People **That our mouths may proclaim your praise.**

One bread, one body

*One bread, one body, One Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, Servant or free,
Woman or man, No more. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, Many the works,
One in the Lord, Of all. *Refrain*

Grain for the fields, Scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, For all. *Refrain*

A Reading

We have the same faithful spirit as what is written in scripture: I had faith, and so I spoke. We also have faith, and so we also speak. We do this because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus, and he will bring us into his presence along with you. All these things are for your benefit. As grace increases to benefit more and more people, it will cause gratitude to increase, which results in God's glory. So we aren't depressed. But even if our bodies are breaking down on the outside, the person that we are on the inside is being renewed every day. Our temporary minor problems are producing an eternal stockpile of glory for us that is beyond all comparison. We don't focus on the things that can be seen but on the things that can't be seen. The things that can be seen don't last, but the things that can't be seen are eternal. We know that if the tent that we live in on earth is torn down, we have a building from God. It's a house that isn't handmade, which is eternal and located in heaven.

2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

Prayers

Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit,
For you have redeemed me, O God of truth and love.
Keep me, O God, as the apple of an eye;
Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Preserve us, O God, while waking,
And guard us while sleeping,
That awake we may watch with Christ,
And asleep may rest in your peace.

Song of Simeon

**Praise be to God, I have lived to see this day.
God's promise is fulfilled, and my duty done.**

**At last you have given me peace,
For I have seen with my own eyes
The salvation that you have prepared for all nations -
A light to the world in its darkness,
And the glory of your people Israel.**

**Preserve us, O God, while waking,
And guard us while sleeping,
That awake we may watch with Christ,
And asleep may rest in your peace.**

**Christ be within us to keep us,
Beside us to guard,
Before us to lead,
Behind us to protect,
Beneath us to support,
Above us to bless.**

It is well with my soul

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul.
It is well, (it is well),
With my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well, (it is well),
With my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Night Prayer

Lord,
It is night.

The night is for stillness.
Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.
What has been done has been done;
What has not been done has not been done;
Let it be.

The night is dark.
Let our fears of the darkness of the world
And in our lives rest in you.

The night is quiet.
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
All dear to us,
And all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.
Let us look expectantly to a new day,
New joys,
New possibilities.

In your name we pray. **AMEN.**

The divine Spirit dwells in us.
Thanks be to God.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Verse 1

The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever
And He is mine forever

Verse 2

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

Chorus

Never failing Ruler of my heart
Everlasting Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is

Verse 3

Lost and foolish off I strayed
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me

Verse 4

In death's dark veil I fear no ill
With Thee dear Lord beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me

Bridge

Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah
Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah

Verse 5

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise
Within Your house forever
Within Your house forever



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