

St Edmund's Church Taverham

Reflection with Compline Service on Thursday 11th August 7pm – in church and livestreamed via the St Ed's Facebook page

Welcome.

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

All: Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

All: who made heaven and earth.

A period of silence for reflection. on the past day may follow.

All: Most merciful God, we confess to you, before the whole company of heaven and one another, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do. Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ. 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.

Alleluia.

We say together

**Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.**

**From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.**

**O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death.**

A moment of silence

Psalm 139

1

**You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.**

2

**You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

3

**You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.**

4

**Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.**

5

**You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.**

6

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.**

The Word of God. Psalm 31: 19-24 The Living Bible

Oh, how great is your goodness to those who publicly declare that you will rescue them.

For you have stored up great blessings for those who trust and reverence you.

Hide your loved ones in the shelter of your presence, safe beneath your hand, safe from all conspiring men.

Blessed is the Lord, for he has show me that his never failing love protects me like the walls of a fort! I spoke too hastily when I said, "the Lord has deserted me," for you have listened to my plea and answered me.

Oh, love the Lord, all of you who are his people; for the Lord protect those who are loyal to him, but harshly punishes all who haughtily reject him.

So cheer up! Take courage if you are depending on the Lord

When we come back we will continue in prayer together.

Prayers

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

All: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.

The Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Silence may be kept.

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.

All: Amen.

We will say the Lords Prayer together.

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

In peace we will lie down and sleep;

All: for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,

All: for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,

All: so do we look for you, O Christ.

Come with the dawning of the day

All: and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.

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.

All: Amen.

Lighten our darkness,
Lord, we pray,
and in your great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,
for the love of your only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All: Amen

**Grant us your light, O Lord,
that the darkness of our hearts being overcome,
we may receive the true light, even Christ our Saviour.**

All: Amen

Closing

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 of our own lives rest in you.
The night is quiet. Let the quiet 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.

All. Amen.