**Night (Owl) Prayer**

For Good Shepherd Anglican Church – *Adapted from the Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, and Night Prayer supplement to the BAS and the Night Prayer (Compline) Church of England.*

**The Gathering:**

When all have gathered, the leader begins, the people responding with the portions in bold type.

The God of peace grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**the maker of heaven and earth.**

The angels of God guard us through the night,

**and quiet the powers of darkness.**

The Spirit of God be our guide,

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

It is but lost labour that we haste to rise up early,

and so late take our rest, and eat the bread of anxiety.

**For those beloved of God are given gifts**

**even while they sleep.**

For the forgiveness of our sins and offences,

let us pray to the Lord.

*Silence*

Lord have mercy,

**Christ have mercy,**

Lord have mercy.

**The Penitential Hymn:**

[Kyrie Eleison (A Song Of Confession)](https://songselect.ccli.com/songs/7086625/kyrie-eleison-a-song-of-confession/viewlyrics) – [Vineyard Worship](https://www.vineyardchurches.org.uk/songs/kyrie-eleison/)

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Verse 1

For the things we’ve done and left undone

For the ways we’ve wandered from your heart

Forgive us we pray

Forgive us we pray

Verse 2

For the idols we put on Your throne

For the loves we choose above Your own

Forgive us we pray

Forgive us we pray

Chorus

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy on us on us

Verse 3

For the lies that we clutch to our chests

For the fear that wants to steal our breath

Forgive us we pray

And give us Your grace

Bridge

Forgiving God forgiving us (4X)

The Psalm:

Psalm 31:1-5

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;

let me never be put to shame; \*

**deliver me in your righteousness.**

Incline your ear to me; \*

**make haste to deliver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,

for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*

**for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.**

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*

**for you are my tower of strength.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*

**for you have redeemed me,**

**O Lord, O God of truth.**

Glory to the Father,

**and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever.**

**Amen.**

The Scripture of the Evening: Philippians 2.5–11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though

he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as

something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of

a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human

form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence*

The Prayers of the Evening:

Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit;

**For you have redeemed me, O God of truth and love.**

Keep us, O God, as the apple of your eye;

**Hide us under the shadow of your wings.**

*Antiphon*

Preserve us, O God, waking,

**and guard us sleeping;**

**that awake we may watch with Christ,**

**and asleep we may rest in peace.**

The Song of Simeon:

**Lord, now 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 to God,

**Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit: \***

**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever.**

**Amen.**

*Antiphon*

**Preserve us, O God, waking,**

**and guard us sleeping;**

**that awake we may watch with Christ,**

**and asleep we may rest in peace.**

The Apostle’s Creed:

**I believe in God**

**the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again**

**to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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 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.**

Keep watch, dear God,

with those who work, or watch, or weep this night,

and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary,

bless the dying, soothe the suffering,

pity the afflicted, shield the joyous;

and all for your love’s sake. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Evening:

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.**

**Amen.**

In peace we will lie down and sleep;

**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,

**for the night is at hand and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning,

**so do we look for you, O Christ.**

Come with the dawning of the day

**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.

**Amen.**

The Sending:

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

**Amen.**