
Night Time Prayer

Boisil, Prior of Melrose Abbey, died in 661. Bede described him as a 'priest of great virtue and prophetic spirit.' Boisil, on his first meeting with Cuthbert, who was to be his pupil, exclaimed, 'Behold, the servant of the Lord!' – recognising the call of God on the young man's life. If this Compline is being used in a group setting the * notation indicates a change of reader; words in bold are said all together; words in bold italic are said by each person in turn; and + indicates where you might make the sign of the cross.

+ (silently)

O Lord, You will keep us safe
and protect us forever.

**I am placing my soul and my body
in Thy safe keeping this night, O
God,
in Thy safe keeping, O Jesus Christ,
in Thy safe keeping, O Spirit of
perfect truth.
The Three who would defend my
cause
be keeping me this night from harm.**

* I call on You, O God,
for You will answer me;
give ear to me and hear my prayer.

* Show the wonder of Your great love,
You who save by Your right hand
those who take refuge in You from their
foes.

* Keep me as the apple of Your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings.

***Lighten my darkness, Lord.
Let the light of Your presence
dispel the shadows of night.***

* Christ with me sleeping,
Christ with me waking,
Christ with me watching,
each day and each night.

* Save us, Lord, while we are awake,
guard us while we are asleep;
that, awake, we may watch with Christ,
and, asleep, may rest in His peace.

**God with me protecting,
the Lord with me directing,
the Spirit with me strengthening
for ever and for evermore.**

* In the name of the Father precious,
and of the Spirit of healing balm.
In the name of the Lord Jesus,
I lay me down to rest.

**The peace of all peace
be mine this night
+ in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

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