

**Tuesday 13 December 2022**  
**Serra Club of South Herts – Night Prayer**

**INTRODUCTION**

O God, come to our aid.

*O Lord, make haste to help us.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit,

*as it was in the beginning,*

*is now, and ever shall be,*

*world without end.*

*Amen.*

**Examination of Conscience**

**Hymn**

Now that the daylight dies away,

By all thy grace and love,

Thee, Maker of the world, we pray

To watch our bed above.

Let dreams depart and phantoms fly,  
The offspring of the night,  
Keep us, like shrines, beneath thine eye,  
Pure in our foe's despite.

This grace on thy redeemed confer,

Father, co-equal Son,

And Holy Ghost, the Comforter,

Eternal Three in One.

**Psalm 142 (143)**

**A prayer in time of trouble**

“A man is made righteous not by obedience to the Law, but by faith in Jesus Christ” (Gal 2:16).

*Do not hide your face from me, for in you have I put my trust.*

Lord, listen to my prayer:

turn your ear to my appeal.

You are faithful, you are just; give answer.

Do not call your servant to judgement

for no one is just in your sight.

The enemy pursues my soul;  
he has crushed my life to the ground;

he has made me dwell in darkness  
like the dead, long forgotten.  
Therefore my spirit fails;  
my heart is numb within me.

I remember the days that are past:

I ponder all your works.

I muse on what your hand has wrought  
and to you I stretch out my hands.

Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you.

Lord, make haste and answer;  
for my spirit fails within me.  
Do not hide your face  
lest I become like those in the grave.

In the morning let me know your love  
for I put my trust in you.

Make me know the way I should walk:  
to you I lift up my soul.

Rescue me, Lord, from my enemies;  
I have fled to you for refuge.  
Teach me to do your will  
for you, O Lord, are my God.  
Let your good spirit guide me  
in ways that are level and smooth.

For your name's sake, Lord, save my life;  
in your justice save my soul from distress.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.

Amen.

*Do not hide your face from me, for in you have I put my trust.*

### **Short Reading (1 Peter 5:8-9)**

Be calm but vigilant, because your enemy the devil is prowling round like a roaring lion, looking for someone to eat. Stand up to him, strong in faith.

## Short Responsory

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

– *Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.*

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.

– *Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.*

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

– *Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.*

## Canticle

**Nunc Dimittis**

**Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel**

*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.*

At last, all-powerful Master,  
you give leave to your servant  
to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation  
which you have prepared for all nations,  
the light to enlighten the Gentiles  
and give glory to Israel, your people.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
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.*

**Let us pray.**

In your mercy, Lord,  
dispel the darkness of this night.  
Let your household so sleep in peace  
that at the dawn of a new day  
they may, with joy, waken in your name.

Through Christ our Lord,

**Amen.**

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

**Amen.**

## **Marian Anthem**

Kind mother of our Redeemer,  
the way to heaven for us, now and  
always,  
star of the sea,  
come to our help as we fall and  
strive to rise.

All nature stood still in wonder  
when you gave flesh  
to your own flesh's Creator.  
Virgin at Gabriel's greeting,  
Virgin now and always –  
take pity on us sinners.

## **Serran Prayer for Vocations**

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for your Church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

## **Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations**

O God, You have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of Your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of his mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received.