

Ministers' Conference 2024

Worship

Monday 18 November 9.30pm Fire Pit Night Prayer

Led by Jenny Bland & Chad Chadwick



Gathering notices

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day.

Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

cf Psalm 51

An Opening Reflection

Hymn

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.

The Word of God

Psalm 91

- 1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High ◆ and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
- Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold, my God, in whom I put my trust.'
- 3 For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his wings and you shall be safe under his feathers; ◆ his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.
- You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, ◆ nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.
- 7 Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, • yet it shall not come near you.
- 8 Your eyes have only to behold to see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge and the Most High your stronghold,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, •

neither shall any plague come near your tent.

- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, ◆ to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, ◆ lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; ◆ the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
- 14 Because they have set their love upon me, therefore will I deliver them; ◆I will lift them up, because they know my name.
- 15 They will call upon me and I will answer them; ◆I am with them in trouble,I will deliver them and bring them to honour.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy them ◆ and show them my salvation.

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.

Luke 24:30-32

When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

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

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

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

I commend my spirit.

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

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

Gospel Canticle

The Nunc dimittis

- 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.
- Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: ◆ your word has been fulfilled.
- 2 My own eyes have seen the salvation ◆ which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
- 3 A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

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.

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

Time of Prayer

Concluding with the collect:

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.

The Lord's Prayer is said.

The Conclusion

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.

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.**

A period of quiet is followed by optional campfire worship.

I love You, Lord, For Your mercy never fails me All my days, I've been held in Your hands From the moment that I wake up Until I lay my head; Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God And all my life You have been faithful And all my life You have been so, so good With every breath that I am able; Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice; You have led me through the fire In the darkest night, You are close like no other I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend And I have lived in the goodness of God

And all my life You have been faithful And all my life You have been so, so good With every breath that I am able; Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

'Cause Your goodness is running after, It's running after me Your goodness is running after, It's running after me With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You everything,

'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me 'Cause Your goodness is running after, It's running after me Your goodness is running after, It's running after me With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You everything 'Cause Your goodness is running after, It keeps running after me

And all my life You have been faithful And all my life You have been so, so good With every breath that I am able; Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

'Cause all my life You have been faithful And all my life You have been so, so good With every breath that I am able Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

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What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus For my life is wholly bound to his Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "all is mine" Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side, the saviour he will stay I labour on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need, His power is displayed

> To this I hold, my shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley he will lead Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea Oth the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free" Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus For he has said that he will bring me home And day by day I know he will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus All the glory evermore to him When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine.

On Monday, He gave me the gift of love; On Tuesday, peace came from above.

On Wednesday told me to have more faith;

On Thursday, gave me a little more grace.

On Friday, told me to watch and pray

On Saturday, told me just what to say,

On Sunday, gave the power divine; Just to let my little light shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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The Lord bless you, and keep you Make his face shine upon you; and be gracious to you The Lord turn his face toward you; and give you peace.

Amen, Amen, Amen

The Lord bless you, and keep you Make his face shine upon you; and be gracious to you

The Lord turn his face toward you; and give you peace.

Amen, Amen, Amen

May his favour be upon you, And a thousand generations And your family and your children, And their children and their children

May his presence go before you And behind you, and beside you All around you, and within you He is with you, he is with you In the morning, in the evening In your coming and your going In your weeping and rejoicing,

He is for you, He is for you, He is for you (rpt)

Amen, Amen, Amen

May his presence go before you And behind you, and beside you All around you, and within you He is with you, he is with you In the morning, in the evening In your coming and your going In your weeping and rejoicing,

He is for you, He is for you, He is for you (rpt)

Amen, Amen, Amen

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