

# EMMANUEL

Loughborough

Night Prayer - Sunday 11 April 2021

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.*

*The following or other suitable words of penitence may be used.*

**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.

**All O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**All 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.**

## *Psalm 104*

**Refrain:** *I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.*

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. ◆  
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

21 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, ◆  
and the sun knows the time for its setting.

22 You make darkness that it may be night, ◆  
in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth.

23 The lions roar for their prey ◆  
and seek their food from God.

24 The sun rises and they are gone ◆  
to lay themselves down in their dens.

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25 People go forth to their work ♦  
and to their labour until the evening.

26 O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

27 There is the sea, spread far and wide, ♦  
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan ♦  
which you have made to play in the deep.

29 All of these look to you ♦  
to give them their food in due season.

30 When you give it them, they gather it; ♦  
you open your hand and they are filled with good.

31 When you hide your face they are troubled; ♦  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return again to the dust.

32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ♦  
and you renew the face of the earth.

33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦  
may the Lord rejoice in his works; **R**

**Refrain:** *I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.*

*Creator God,  
send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world,  
that the whole creation,  
in its groaning and striving,  
may know your loving purpose  
and come to reflect your glory;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**AI / 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.**

**Scripture reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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

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

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

**All** Alleluia, alleluia.

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

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

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

**All** Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

*The Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon) is said.*

**All** Alleluia. The Lord is risen, alleluia,  
as he promised to you. Alleluia, alleluia.

1 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*

**All** 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.

**All** Alleluia. The Lord is risen, alleluia,  
as he promised to you. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Open Prayer

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,

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in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## *The Lord's Prayer.*

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.**

May the risen Lord Jesus bless us.  
May he watch over us and renew us  
as he renews the whole of creation.  
May our hearts and lives echo his love.  
**All Amen.**