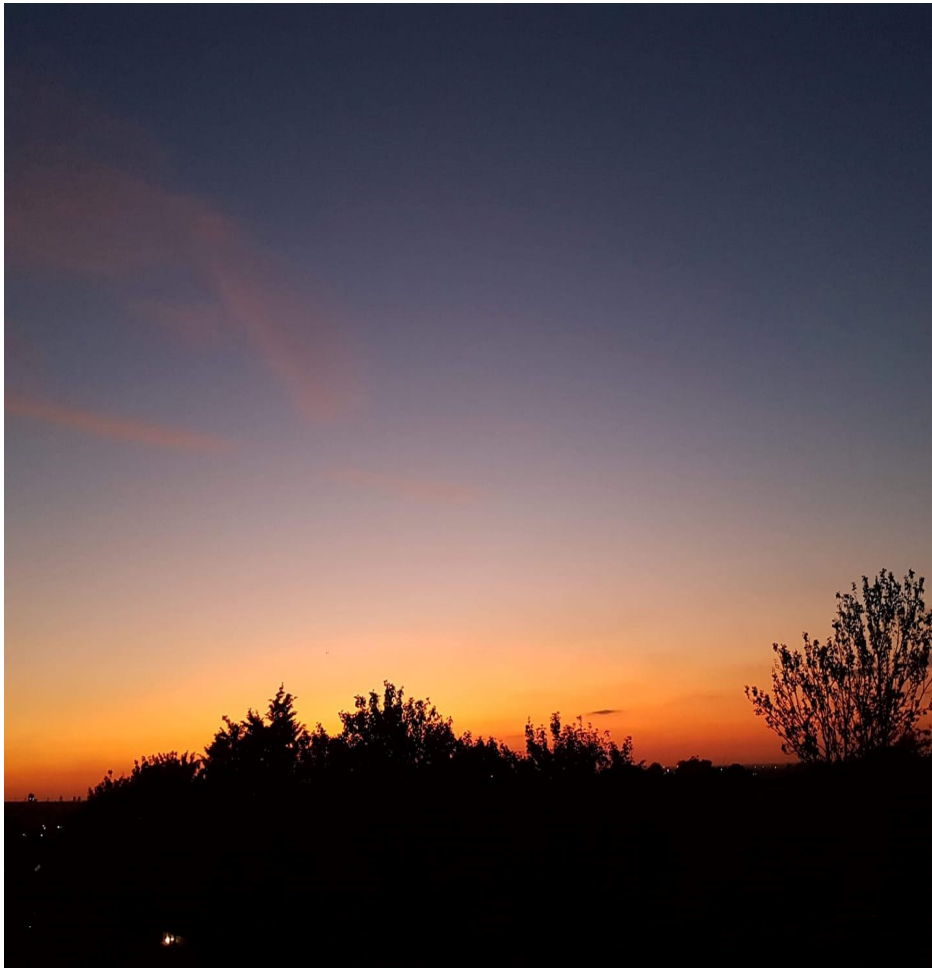




The Blyth Valley
Team Ministry

An Office for Evening or Night Prayer



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Material taken from a range of sources

An Office in the 'Northumbrian' Celtic Tradition

Waiting upon the Lord. (*Suitable for late afternoon/early evening*)

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

My soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning;
more than those who watch for the morning. (Ps 130.5)

Psalm 130 (adapted)

(v1-5)

Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord,*
Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well *
the voice of my supplication,
If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss,*
Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,*
so that you shall be feared.
I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
Glory to the Father etc,

I cry out to you Lord, I say,
'You are my safe place;
you are everything I need in this life.

The Word of God

I will wait for the Lord.
My soul waits
and in his word, I hope. (Ps 130.4 adapted)

Reading from the Bible

On God alone my soul in stillness waits;
from him comes my salvation.
He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken. (Ps 62.1,2)
Lord, you have always given bread for the coming day;

and though I am poor, today I believe.
Lord, you have always given strength for the coming day;
and though I am weak, today I believe.
Lord, you have always given peace for the coming day;
and though of anxious heart, today I believe.
Lord, you have always kept me safe in trials;
and now, tried as I am, today I believe.
Lord, you have always marked the road for the coming day;
and though it may be hidden, today I believe.
Lord, you have always lightened this darkness of mine;
and though the night is here, today I believe.
Lord, you have always spoken when time was ripe;
and though you are silent now, today I believe. (WPCU 1988)

Prayer

Free prayer

Conclusion

In the shadow of your wings
I will sing your praises, O Lord.
The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

In the shadow of your wings
I will sing your praises, O Lord.
One thing I have asked of the Lord, one thing I seek;
to dwell in the presence of my God, to seek his will in his temple.

In the shadow of your wings
I will sing your praises, O Lord.
I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord! Have courage and wait; wait for the Lord!

In the shadow of your wings
I will sing your praises, O Lord. (Ps 63.7, 27.1,4, 13 and 14)