



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!’ – recognizing the call of God on the young man’s life.

*The * notation indicates a change of reader; words in bold are said all together; and + indicates where you might make the sign of the cross.*

* 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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