

Compline – the Night Office of Prayer

Preparation

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

All **Amen.**

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

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.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Hymn – *Te Ante Lucis Terminum*



**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. Amen.**

Scripture

Psalm 33

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous : for it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the lyre : on the ten-stringed harp sing his praise.
- 3 Sing for him a new song : play skilfully, with shouts of praise.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is true : and all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice : the earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made : and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathers up the waters of the sea as in a waterskin : and lays up the deep in his treasury.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord : stand in awe of him, all who dwell in the world.

9 For he spoke, and it was done : he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The Lord looks down from heaven : and beholds all the children of earth.

11 He fashions all the hearts of them : and understands all their works.

12 Our soul waits longingly for the Lord : he is our help and our shield.

13 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him : in his holy name have we put our trust.

14 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us : as we have set our hope on you.

**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.**

Reading

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives

and release to the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

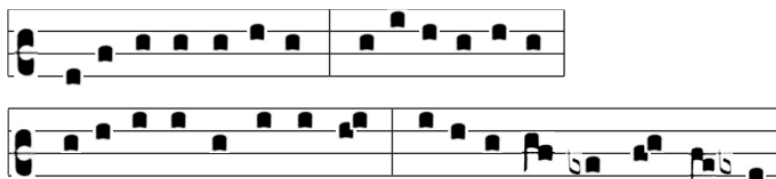
From Isaiah ch.61

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
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For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.
I commend my spirit.

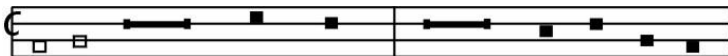
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Gospel Canticle



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



- 1 Now, Lord, you let your servant depart in *peace*: ♦
your *word* has been fulfilled.
- 2 My own eyes have seen the *sal-va-tion* ♦
which you have prepared in the sight of *ev'-ry* people;
- 3 A light to reveal you to the *na-tions* ♦
and the glory of your *peo-ple* Is-rael.

**Glory to the Father and to the *Son*
and to the *Ho-ly* Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is *now*
and shall be for *e-ver*. Amen.**

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

Prayers

Come to visit us, O God, this night, so that by your strength we may rise with the new day to rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Time for spoken or silent prayer follows, concluding with The Lord's Prayer.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

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.
Come with the dawning of the day
and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.
The Lord bless us and watch over us;
the Lord make the light of his face shine upon us
and be gracious to us;
the Lord look kindly on us, and give us peace.
Amen.**