

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

From Psalm 145

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King : and bless your name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you : and praise your name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised : his greatness is beyond all searching out.

- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another : and declare your mighty acts.
- 5 They shall speak of the majesty of your glory : and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts : and I will also tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness : and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- 8 All your works praise you, O Lord : and your faithful servants bless you.
- 9 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom : your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 10 You open wide your hand : and fill all things living with plenty.
- 11 The Lord is righteous in all his ways : and loving in all his works.
- 12 The Lord is near to those who call upon him : to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 13 He fulfils the desire of those who fear him : he hears their cry and saves them.
- 14 The Lord watches over those who love him : but all the wicked shall he destroy.
- 15 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord : and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

**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.**

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the Sun, for God will be their light; and they will reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22

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

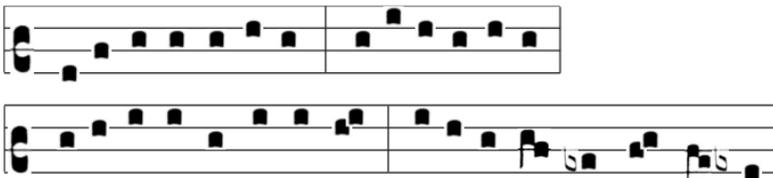
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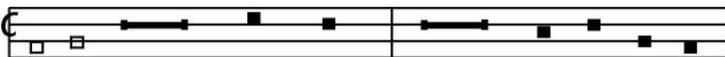
Keep me as the apple of your eye.

Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Gospel Cantic



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 ful_filled.

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

Almighty God, by triumphing over the powers of darkness, Christ has prepared a place for us in the new Jerusalem: may we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, come to praise him in the eternal city of which he is the light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.
May God bless us, that in us may be found
love and humility, obedience and thanksgiving,
discipline, gentleness, and peace.
Amen.