

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 25

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust : let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame : but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.
- 3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord : and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me : for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long.

- 5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love : for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions : but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord : therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 He will guide the humble in doing right : and teach his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth : to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- 10 For your name's sake, O Lord : be merciful to my sin, for it is great.
- 11 O keep my soul and deliver me : let me not be put to shame, for I have put my trust in you.
- 12 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me : for my hope has been in you.
- 13 Deliver Israel, O God : out of all his troubles.

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and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Reading

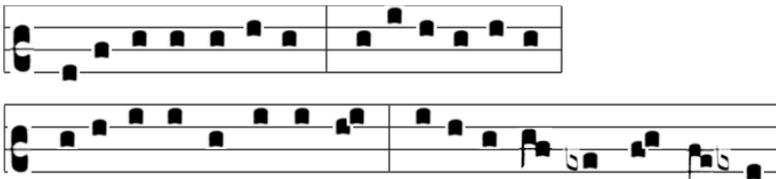
You have heard of the hope laid up for you in heaven before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. For this reason, since the

day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

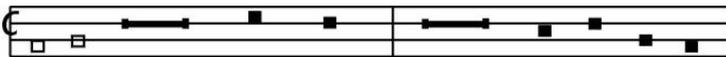
From *Colossians 1*

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 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.

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and to the Ho-ly Spirit;
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and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
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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 the risen Lord Jesus watch over us and renew us

as he renews the whole of creation.

May our hearts and lives echo his love.

Amen.