

# 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 104*

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul : O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
- 2 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons : and the sun knows the time for its setting.
- 3 You make darkness that it may be night : in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth.
- 4 The lions roar for their prey : and seek their food from God.

5 The sun rises and they are gone : to lay themselves down in their dens.

6 People go forth to their work : and to their labour until the evening.

7 O Lord, how manifold are your works : In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

8 There is the sea, spread far and wide : and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

9 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan : which you have made to play in the deep.

10 All of these look to you : to give them their food in due season.

11 When you give it them, they gather it : you open your hand and they are filled with good.

12 When you hide your face they are troubled : when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.

13 When you send forth your spirit, they are created : and you renew the face of the earth.

14 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever : may the Lord rejoice in his works.

**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*

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed

over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

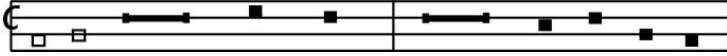
From *Matthew Ch.11*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.  
**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**  
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.

**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.**

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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.**