

Compline : Night Prayer for Passiontide

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The Blessing of the Light taken from Evening Prayer.*

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

The Blessing of the Light

The Lord is my light and my salvation:
my God shall make my darkness to be bright.

The Light and peace of Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator of day and night:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As darkness falls you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.
By the Light of Christ, your living Word,
dispel the darkness of our hearts
that we may walk as children of light
and sing your praise throughout the world.
Blessed by God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Blessed be God for ever.

Preparation

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

Amen.

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

We come to God
as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

May your loving mercy come to me, O Lord,
and your salvation according to your word:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Your word is a lantern to me feet,
and a light to my path:
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy.

O let your mercy come to me that I may live,
for your law is my delight:
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Song / hymn

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer,
when I call, answer me...
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer,
Come, and listen to me.

Text: Taizé community , music: Jacques Berthier

Psalmody

I wait for the for the Lord;
my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord,
more than the night watch for the morning,
O Israel wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy

Psalm 130 : 4-6

Come, bless the Lord,
all ye servants of the Lord*
you that by night
stand in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary*
and bless the Lord.

The Lord who made heaven and earth*
give you blessing out of Zion

Psalm 134

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.**

Scripture reading

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see'.

John 11 : 32 – 34

Taken from the gospel reading for Passion Sunday

Responsory

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.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.
**Hide me under the shadow
of your wings**

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)

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

**Now, Lord,
you let your servant go in peace*
your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation*
which you have prepared
in the sight of every people;**

**A light to reveal you to the nations*
and the glory of your people, Israel.**

**Glory be 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,
world without end.
Amen**

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

Intercession...

*..... intercession.... Bringing to mind those whom we
pray for and holding them in God's love..., bringing
the needs of the world, the church, and those who
have no-one to pray for them...*

Collects for Passion Sunday

God of compassion,
you call us out of the bindings of death
on this, our resurrection day:
make us ready to surrender
the fear in which we hide
to step into your future
alive and unashamed;
through Jesus Christ,
the life of the world.

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ,
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him
who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father,
which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive them
that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Blessing and departure

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

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
the Lord make his face shine upon us
and be gracious to us;
the Lord look kindly on us, and give us peace.

**May the Lord bless us, protect us from
all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.**

Amen

Goodnight