

Compline : Night Prayer

Offered for All Souls



Welcome and Introduction

Acclamation

I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor
things to come, nor powers, nor heights, nor
depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be
able to separate us from the love of God in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gathering ...

O God, come to our aid,
O Lord, make haste to help us

**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. Alleluia**

Come Lord
Come to us

Enter our darkness
with your light

Fill our emptiness
with your presence

Come refresh, restore, renew us.

in our sadness,
come as joy,

in our troubles,
come as peace,

in our fearfulness
come as hope,

in our darkness,
come as light

in our frailty,
come as strength,

in our loneliness,
come as love

Come, refresh, restore, renew us.

Hymn

Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am God

I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee

In you, O Lord, I put my trust
In you, O Lord, I put my trust
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Text: unknown, based on psalm 46

*Music: 'be still and know' unknown, arr. Adrian Vernon Fish
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Prayers of love, hope and forgiveness....

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit,
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

You bring pardon and peace
to the broken in heart
Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

You make one by your Spirit
the torn and divided:

Lord, have mercy

Lord have mercy

May almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal.

Amen.

Psalmody

**He will conceal you with his wings;
you will not fear the terror of the night.**

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills:
from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord:
who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel:
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper:
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand.

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day:
neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy
coming in:
from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm 121

**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.**

**He will conceal you with his wings;
you will not fear the terror of the night.**

Scripture reading

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind
has conceived what God has prepared for
those who love him”

I Corinthians 2:9

And he that sat upon the throne said,
“Behold, I make all things new.”

Revelation 21:5

Song

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in every moment of life or death, you are.

For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands all creation is made new.

*Words and Music : Bernadette Farrell
Based on psalm 139
(STF 728)*

Responsory

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

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.

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

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

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

Intercession...

Loving God,
you have promised your special blessing
to those who mourn,
your comfort to those overwhelmed by grief,
your joy to those enduring sorrow.
On this day, when we remember
those close to us who have died,
we pray for your blessing
on all those facing sadness;
those burdened by worry;
those weighed down by despair;
and those who have lost loved ones
who are struggling to come to terms
with the emptiness and heartbreak
that they feel

We pray for those
among our families and friends
not with us today, who are facing such times,
and those in our communities
and neighbourhoods.
May they know that your hand is upon them,
your arms encircling them,
and your heart reaching out to them.

Loving Lord, you love all you have created,
and all our stories connect
in your eternal love.

You know that we are who we are today
and we are where we are today,
because of those whose lives
have touched ours
and who have let our lives touch theirs.

God, in the magnificence of things,
you know and hold all we have not words for
when we lose those who have loved us.

So even as our grief is deep and heartfelt,
let it be tinged with gratitude

for lives which have shaped us,
for hands which have held us,
for voices that have inspired us,
for eyes which have beheld us,
for ears that have listened to us.

Believing that those who have died in Christ
are risen to delight in his eternal life
we trust that we will meet again
in a place where there can never be farewells.
Amen.

We pray that all who mourn
may discover the comfort you have promised,
and find strength to face each day,
until that time comes
when light shall dawn again,
and hope be born anew.

Lord, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer
through Jesus Christ
your Son, Our Lord. Amen**

Reading of Names

The names of those to be remembered are read
aloud and candles lit

Music playing:
In Paradisum from Requiem, Gabriel Faure,
recorded by Kings College Cambridge,
via YouTube <https://youtu.be/QQUXA1sNIkA>

Widening the circle of light

Lord of life and love,
as you bless and hold all those we love,
and all those gathered here who come in
sorrow and thanksgiving,

Enlarge our hearts, and the circle of our light,
to touch and heal the world in which we live
and move and have our being,

We light these candles...

for all who have died, alone and un-named,
and those who have no one to pray for them,
whose names are held dear in your heart, as
your beloved children, O Loving Lord

and for those for whom we find it hard to pray, who we commend into your unending love and mercy, our Judge and our Redeemer

and for ourselves, that we may live in the light of your eternity, drawing ever closer to your love, and ready at the last to be welcomed into your presence with those who have gone before us.

Amen.

Collect

Everlasting God,
our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion
and glorious resurrection,
that, in the last day,
when you gather all things together in Christ,
we may, with them,
enjoy the fullness of your promises;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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.**

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)

**Save us Lord, while we are awake;
protect us while we sleep;
that we may keep watch with Christ,
and rest with him in peace.**

**At last, all-powerful Master,
you give leave to your servant
to go in peace,
according to your promise.**

**For my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have prepared for all nations,
the light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.**

**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 we are awake;
protect us while we sleep;
that we may keep watch with Christ,
and rest with him in peace.**

Song

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me lie in pastures green,
he leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul

*And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil;
and my cup – it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

And I will trust in you alone....

And though I walk the darkest path –
I will not fear the evil one,
For you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know

And I will trust in you alone....

Blessing and departure

Pray for us, holy mother of God.

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

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace
and rise in glory

May God give you
to hold and to share;
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next

and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you and remain with you
now and for ever
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God

Salve Regina

Jesus, crucified, risen and ascended saviour,
in your dying you entrusted each to the
other,
Mary your mother and John your beloved
disciple:
Sustain and comfort all who mourn,
and join our hearts with your heart, as we
pray in the company of your Mother, and
ours, and ask her prayer as we journey on.

Hail holy Queen, mother of mercy;
our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To you do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve;
to you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears;
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb,
Jesus
O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.
Amen.

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