

Compline : Night Prayer following 1st Vespers of the Octave Day of Easter

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

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.**

Song / hymn

All sing the refrain (R) between verses.

**Surrexit Christus! alleluia!
Cantate Domino, alleluia!**

*(Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Sing to the Lord, Alleluia!)*

Verses:

All you heavens, bless the Lord (R)
Stars of the heavens bless the Lord (R)

Sun and moon, bless the Lord (R)
And you, night and day, bless the Lord (R)

Frost and cold, bless the Lord (R)
Ice and snow, bless the Lord (R)

Fire and heat, bless the Lord (R)
And you, light and darkness, bless the Lord
(R)

Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord (R)
Saints and the humble hearted, bless the Lord
(R)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good (R)
For his love has no end (R)

The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my song
(R)
He has been my Saviour (R)

Psalmody

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;*
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me!

O my people,
how long will your hearts be closed,*
will you love what is futile
and seek what is false?

It is the Lord who grants favours
to those whom he loves; *
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

Fear him; do not sin:
ponder on your bed and be still.*
Make justice your sacrifice
and trust in the Lord

‘What can bring us happiness?’ many say. *
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord.

You have put into my heart a greater joy*
than they have from abundance
of corn and new wine.

I will lie down in peace
and sleep comes at once*
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

**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, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord's Prayer

O come, bless the Lord,*
All you who serve the Lord,
who stand in the house of the Lord,*
in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands to the holy place*
And bless the Lord through the night.

May the Lord bless you from Sion,*
he who made both heaven and earth.

**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, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Scripture reading

Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord;
and you shall love the Lord your God with all
your heart, and with all your soul, and with all
your might. And these words which I
command you this day shall be upon your
heart; and you shall teach them diligently to
your children, and shall talk of them when you
sit in your house, and when you walk by the
way, and when you lie down, and when you
rise.

Deuteronomy 6: 4-7

Easter Antiphon

This is the day which was made by the Lord :
let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia!

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...*

**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. Alleluia**

**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. Alleluia**

Blessing and departure

Come to visit us, Lord, this night,
so that by your strength we may rise at
daybreak
to rejoice in the resurrection of Christ, your
Son,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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

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

Amen

The Regina Caeli

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven
Alleluia!

He whom thou wast meet to bear
Alleluia!

As he promised hath arisen!
Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer
Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary
Alleluia!
For the Lord is Risen indeed!
Alleluia!

O God, who by the Resurrection of your Son,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ, brought joy to the
whole world, grant that, aided by the prayers
of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may know
the joys of eternal life:
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

Goodnight