

# Compline : Night Prayer for Easter Day

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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!**

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**

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to

them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*John 20: 11-18*

### **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...*

### **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.**

### ***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 ....

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