

Compline : Night Prayer for Eastertide

The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

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.

Words of sorrow, love, mercy and forgiveness....

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

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence
Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy

Song

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 & 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)

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And where is Jesus, this strange Easter day?
Not lost in our locked churches, anymore
Than he was sealed in that dark sepulchre.
The locks are loosed; the stone is rolled away,
And he is up and risen, long before,
Alive, at large, and making his strong way
Into the world he gave his life to save,
No need to seek him in his empty grave.

He might have been a wafer in the hands
Of priests this day, or music from the lips
Of red-robed choristers, instead he slips
Away from church, shakes off our linen bands
To don his apron with a nurse: he grips
And lifts a stretcher, soothes with gentle hands
The frail flesh of the dying, gives them hope,
Breathes with the breathless, lends them strength
to cope.

On Thursday we applauded, for he came
And served us in a thousand names and faces
Mopping our sickroom floors and catching traces
Of that virus which was death to him:
Good Friday happened in a thousand places
Where Jesus held the helpless, died with them
That they might share his Easter in their need,
Now they are risen with him, risen indeed.

Psalmody

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

For the word of the Lord is true*
and all his works are sure.
He loves righteousness and justice*
the earth is full of the loving-kindness
of the Lord.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those
who fear him,*
on those who wait in hope
for his steadfast love.
To deliver their soul from death *
and to feed them in time of famine.

Our soul waits longingly for the Lord; *
he is our help and our shield.
Indeed, our heart rejoices in him; *
in his holy name have we put our trust

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord,
be upon us, *
as we have set our hope on you.

Psalm 33: 4-5, 18-end

**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

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: 15-18

*Taken from the Eucharistic Anglican Lectionary gospel reading
for the day*

Easter Antiphon

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

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)

**Alleluia. The Lord is risen, alleluia,
as he promised to you. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**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**

**Alleluia. The Lord is risen, alleluia,
as he promised to you. Alleluia, 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...*

Collect for Eastertide

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,
praise him in the eternal city
of which he is the light;
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

May the risen Lord bless us.
May he watch over us and renew us
as he renews the whole of creation.
May our hearts and lives echo his love.

**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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