

Ebba Compline

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Scripture from the NRSV*

The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Today is also the Feast of S. Catherine of Siena,
mystic, contemplative, doctor of the Church,
reformer and carer for the sick, patron of Italy,
nurses and firefighters...*

*She gazed and gazed on the Lord and felt Love wrap
her like depths of oceans, like energy of fire....*

*"be who God created you to be: and you will set the
world on fire"*

*"you are a mystery as deep as the sea; the more I
search, the more I find, and the more I find, the
more I search for you."*

*"you are a fire that takes away the coldness,
illuminates the mind with its light and causes me to
know your truth... the food of angels, you gave
yourself in the fire of your love."*

We begin by making the sign of the Cross

Preparation

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone:
my hope comes from him.

Come I this night to the Father,
come I this night to the Son,
come I to the Holy Spirit powerful:
come I this night to God.
Come I this night with Christ,
come I with the Spirit of kindness.
Come I to Thee, Jesus.
Jesus shelter me.

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

Open now our hearts to you,
and fill us with the peace
that only you can give,
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

Hymn

O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me.

Charles Wesley

Psalmody

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;*
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the simple.

The judgements of the lord are true, and
righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,
More than much fine gold, *
Sweeter also than honey,
dripping from the honeycomb

Psalm 19: 7, 9b, 10

**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

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5: 14-16

Responsory

We will lie down and sleep.

**We wake again,
because the Lord sustains us.**

By day the Lord directs his love;
**at night his song is with us –
a prayer to the God of our lives.**

Be strong and take heart,
all you who hope in the Lord.

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...

May God be in our sleep;
may Christ be in our dreams.
May the Spirit be in our repose,
in our thoughts, in our hearts,
in our souls, always,
may the Sacred Three dwell.

May the Father of heaven
have care of our souls,
his loving arm about our bodies
through each slumber and sleep of our lives

Collect for Eastertide

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples
with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. 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)

**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!**

Blessing and departure

The Son of God be shielding us from harm,
the Son of God be shielding us from ill,
the Son of God be shielding us with power.
The Son of God be shielding us this night.

Sleep, O sleep in the calm of each calm.
Sleep, O sleep in the guidance of all guidance.
Sleep, O sleep in the love of all loves.
Sleep, O beloved, in the God of life.

**May the peace of the Lord Christ
go with us,
wherever we may wander,
may he guide us through the wilderness,
protect us through the storm.
May he bring us back rejoicing,
at the wonders he has shown us,
may he bring us back, rejoicing,
once again through those doors.**

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Amen

Goodnight