

# Compline : Night Prayer for Eastertide

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## **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.**

A period of reflection on the past day...

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal:  
have mercy on us.**

○ God make speed to save us,  
**○ 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**

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)

## **Psalmody**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

○ Lord our governor, \*  
how glorious is your name in all the world!  
Your majesty above the heavens is praised\*  
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.

You have founded a stronghold against your  
foes,\*  
that you might still the enemy and the  
avenger.  
When I consider your heavens, the work of  
your fingers,\*  
the moon and the stars that you have  
ordained,

what is man, that you should be mindful of  
him,\*  
the son of man, that you should seek him out?  
You have made him little lower than the  
angels\*  
and crown him with glory and honour.

**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!**

*Psalm 8: 1-6*

### **Scripture reading**

Then they told what had happened on the road,  
and how he had been made known to them in  
the breaking of the bread.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself  
stood among them and said to them,

“Peace be with you.”

They were startled and terrified, and thought  
that they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them,

“Why are you frightened, and why do doubts  
arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my  
feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see;  
for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as  
you see that I have.”

And when he had said this, he showed them his  
hands and his feet.

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still  
wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything  
here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled  
fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

*Luke 24:35-43*

### **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...**

Holy God, in whom we live and move  
and have our being,  
we make our prayer to you, saying,  
Lord hear us.

Grant to all who seek you  
the assurance of your presence, your power  
and your peace  
Lord hear us.

Grant your healing grace to all who are sick  
that they may be made whole  
in body, mind and spirit,  
Lord hear us.

Grant to all who minister to the suffering  
wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.  
Lord hear us

Sustain and support the anxious and fearful  
and lift up all who are brought low.

Lord hear us.

Guide those in leadership  
and governance over us,  
that they may be led by your Holy Spirit  
in the ways of wisdom, justice, and  
compassion

Lord hear us.

Send your Holy Spirit on your Church  
that in this time of dispersal,  
we may be held together in your risen body  
supported by the prayer of the saints  
throughout the ages,  
and alive with the knowledge  
of your resurrection promise.

O God, take our minds  
and think through them,  
take our lips and speak through them,  
take our hearts  
and set them on fire with love for you

may we live in faith,  
walk in hope  
and be renewed in love,  
until the world feels warmed  
and kindles to reflect your glory

May your kingdom come.

**Amen.**

### **Collect for Eastertide**

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ

**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.**

### ***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 Jesus 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.  
**Amen.**

**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...