

Compline : Night Prayer in Eastertide

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

Christ is Risen!
He is Risen indeed!
Alleluia!

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The angels of God guard us through the night,
and quieten the powers of darkness.

The Spirit of God be our guide
to lead us to peace and to glory.

They that wait for the Spirit to renew their
strength: they shall mount up with wings as
eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they
shall walk and not faint.

Our help is in the name of the eternal God
**who is making the heavens
and the earth.**

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 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)

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Dear God, thank you for all that is good,
for our creation and our humanity,
for the stewardship you have given us
of this planet earth,
for the gifts of life and of one another,
for your love,
which is unbounded and eternal.

O Thou, Most Holy and Beloved,
My Companion, my Unicorn,
my Guide upon the Way.

Words of love and penitence...

We grieve and confess
**that we hurt and have been hurt,
to the third and fourth generations,**

That we are so afraid of pain
**that we shield ourselves from being
vulnerable to others,
and refuse to be open and trusting as a
child**

O God of wholeness, we rest in you...
you listen with us
to the sound of running water,
you sit with us under the shade
of the trees of our healing,
you walk once more with us
in the garden in the cool of the day,
the oil of your anointing penetrates
the cells of our being,
the warmth of your hands steadies us
and gives us courage.
O God of wholeness, we rest in you.....

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being
and open our lips,
**that our mouths
may proclaim your praise.**

Let us worship the God of Love:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Psalmody

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We your servants bless you, O God,
as we stand by night in your house.

We lift up our hands towards the holy place,
and give you thanks and praise.

Bless us from all places where you dwell,
O God, Creator of the heavens and the earth.

Know that God has shown
me such wonderful kindness;
when I call out in prayer, God hears me.
Tremble, admit defeat, and sin no more.

Look deep into your heart
before you sleep and be still.
Bring your gifts, just as you are,
and put your trust in God.

Many are asking,
Who can make us content?
The light of your countenance
has gone from us, O God.

Yet you have given my heart more gladness
than those whose corn and wine and oil
increase.
I lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for in you alone, O God, do I dwell unafraid.

**Glory be to God,
sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,
as in the beginning, so now and forever.
Amen.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture reading

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week
was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other
Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly
there was a great earthquake; for an angel of
the Lord, descending from heaven, came and
rolled back the stone and sat on it. His
appearance was like lightning, and his clothing
white as snow.

For fear of him the guards shook and became
like dead men. But the angel said to the
women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you
are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is
not here; for he has been raised, as he said.
Come, see the place where he lay. Then go
quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been
raised from the dead, and indeed he is going
ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see
him.' This is my message for you."

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and
great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Suddenly Jesus met them and said,
"Greetings!" And they came to him, took
hold of his feet, and worshiped him.

Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid;
go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee;
there they will see me."

While they were going, some of the guard
went into the city and told the chief priests
everything that had happened. After the
priests had assembled with the elders, they

devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, "You must say, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' If this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So they took the money and did as they were directed.

Matthew 28: 1-15a

Taken from the Eucharistic readings for the day from the Anglican lectionary

Easter Antiphon

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

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)

**Alleluia. Christ is risen, alleluia.
He is risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Praise be to God,
I have lived to see this day.
God's promise is fulfilled
and my duty done.
At last you have given me peace,
for I have seen with my own eyes
the salvation you have prepared
for all nations –
a light to the world in its darkness,
and the glory of your people, Israel.**

**Glory be to God,
sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,
as in the beginning, so now and forever.
Amen.**

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He is risen indeed, 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...*

The Lord's Prayer

Eternal Spirit,
Life-Giver, Pain Bearer, Love-Maker,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God in whom is heaven:

The Hallowing of your Name
echo through the universe!
The Way of your Justice
be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly Will
be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of Peace and Freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth!

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials to great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory
of the power that is Love, now and forever,

Amen.

**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

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,
**for it is in God alone
that I dwell unafraid.**

Let us bless the Life-Giver,
the Pain-Bearer, the Love-Maker
**let us praise and exalt God
above all for ever.**

May God's name be praised
beyond the furthest star;
**glorified and exalted above all for ever.
Amen.**

Watch between us dear God,
when we are absent from one another. Amen.

O God,
the Source of the whole world's gladness
and the bearer of its pain,
may your unconquerable joy
rest at the heart
of all our trouble and distress.

Be present, Living Christ, within us,
your dwelling place and home,
that all places may be ones where
all darkness is penetrated by your light,
all troubles calmed by your peace,
all evil redeemed by your love,
all pain transformed in your suffering.
and all dying glorified in your risen life.
Amen.

God bless us and keep us,
God's face shine on us and be gracious to us,
and give us light and peace.
Amen

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

Amen

Goodnight