

Compline : Night Prayer

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

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 / hymn

Come Holy Spirit,
Come Holy Spirit,
Maranatha! Come, Lord, Come.

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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...

Loving God, close your eyes to our sins,
We who have wounded your love.

Refine us with the flame of your Spirit:
Cleanse us with springs of living water.

Save us with words of forgiveness and peace:
make us whole, steadfast in spirit.

Broken are our bones, yet you can heal us,
**and we shall leap for joy
and dance again.**

O God of Love, we adore you ...
You transfigure our disfigured faces,
you strive with our resistant clay,
you bring out of our chaos, harmony.
O God of Love, we adore 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:

Lent O God of Love, we adore you!

Easter ... Alleluia! Alleluia!

Psalmody

Come, bless the Lord,
all you servants of the Lord*
you that by night
stand in the house of the Lord.

**Lift up your hands
towards the sanctuary*
and bless the Lord**

The Lord who made heaven and earth*
give you blessing out of Zion

Psalm 4

Scripture reading

The Jews took up stones again to stone him.
Jesus replied, 'I have shown you many good
works from the Father. For which of these
are you going to stone me?' The Jews
answered, 'It is not for a good work that we

are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.'

Jesus answered, 'Is it not written in your law, "I said, you are gods"? If those to whom the word of God came were called "gods" – and the scripture cannot be annulled – can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because he said, "I am God's Son?"

If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the words, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I am in the Father." Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands.

John 10: 31-39

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

Responsory

Into your hands, O God,
I commend my spirit.

**For you have redeemed me,
O God of truth and love.**

Keep me, O God, as the apple of an eye:
**hide me under the shadow
of your wings.**

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.**

**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.**

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.**

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.**

Loving God, bless us
and those you have entrusted to us.
Fill us with the Spirit of the beatitudes:
keep us joyful, and full of mercy. Amen.

Be present, Spirit of God,
and renew us
through the silent hours of this night,
so that we who are wearied by the changes
and chances of this fleeting world,
may rest upon your eternal changelessness;
in the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
our Guardian and our Guide.
Amen.

The blessing of God,
the eternal goodwill of God,
the Shalom of God,
the wildness and the warmth of God,
be among us and between us,
now and always.
Amen

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

Amen

Goodnight