

Compline : Night Prayer

Thursday in Eastertide

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

O God, come to our aid,
O 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

Father, I place into your hands,
the things I cannot do.
Father, I place into your hands
the things that I've been through.
Father, I place into your hands
the way that I should go,
for I know I always can trust you.

Father, I place into your hands
my friends and family.
Father, I place into your hands
the things that trouble me.
Father, I place into your hands
the person I would be,
for I know I always can trust you.

Father, we love to see your face,
we love to hear your voice.
Father, we love to sing your praise
and in your name rejoice.
Father, we love to walk with you
and in your presence rest,
for we know we always can trust you.

Father, I want to be with you
and do the things you do.
Father, I want to speak the words
that you are speaking too.
Father, I want to love the ones
that You will draw to You,
for I know that I am one with You.

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Psalmody

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord, listen to my prayer:
turn your ear to my appeal. *
You are faithful, you are just; give answer.
Do not call your servant to judgement *
for no one is just in your sight.

The enemy pursues my soul;
he has crushed my life to the ground;
he has made me dwell in darkness*
like the dead, long forgotten.
Therefore my spirit fails;
my heart is numb within me.

I remember the days that are past:*
I ponder all your works.
I muse on what your hand has wrought
and to you I stretch out my hands. *
Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you.

Lord, make haste and answer;*
for my spirit fails within me.
Do not hide your face *
lest I become like those in the grave.

In the morning let me know your love *
for I put my trust in you.
Make me know the way I should walk:*
to you I lift up my soul.

Rescue me, Lord, from my enemies; *
I have fled to you for refuge.
Teach me to do your will *
for you, O Lord, are my God.
let your good spirit guide me *
in ways that are level and smooth.

For your Name's sake, Lord, save my life; *
in your justice, save my soul from distress.

Psalms 143: 1-11

**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

My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

John 10: 27 - 28

Responsory

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit,
alleluia, Alleluia!

**Into your hands, Lord, I commend my
spirit, alleluia, Alleluia!**

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.

**Into your hands, Lord, I commend my
spirit, alleluia, Alleluia!**

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
**Into your hands, Lord, I commend my
spirit, alleluia, Alleluia!**

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

**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)

**Save us Lord, while we are awake;
protect us while we sleep;
that we may keep watch with Christ,
and rest with him in peace. Alleluia**

**At last, all-powerful Master,
you give leave to your servant
to go in peace,
according to your promise.**

**For my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have prepared for all nations,
the light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.**

**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**

**Save us Lord, while we are awake;
protect us while we sleep;
that we may keep watch with Christ,
and rest with him in peace. Alleluia**

Collect for Eastertide

Risen Christ,
Faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered
into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Blessing and departure

In your mercy, Lord,
dispel the darkness of this night.
Let your household so sleep in peace,
that at the dawn of a new day,
they may, with joy, waken in your Name.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord grant us a quiet night
and a perfect end.

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

Amen

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Goodnight