

Ebba Compline

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

✠ 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.

Song

Apostles of our ancient faith,
with all the heav'ns we sing your fame
whose sound went forth in all the earth
to tell of Christ, and bless his name.

You took the gospel to the poor,
the Word of God alight in you,
which in our day is told again:
that timeless word, for ever new.

You told of God who died for us
and out of death triumphant rose,
who gave the truth that made us free,
and changeless through the ages goes.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
whose gift is faith that never dies:
a light in darkness now, until
the day-star in our hearts arise.

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Music: 'Herongate' trad English arr. RV Williams*

Psalmody

Psalm 127 1-3

Unless the Lord builds the house, *
those who build it labour in vain.

Unless the Lord keeps the city, *
the guard keeps watch in vain.

It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early
and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil,
for he gives his beloved sleep.

**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

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but
you are citizens with the saints and also members of
the household of God, built upon the foundation of
the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself
as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is
joined together and grows into a holy temple in the
Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually
into a dwelling-place for God.

Ephesians 2:19 - end

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...

Concluding...

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

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

**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**

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

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.
Amen**