

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.

People of God, be sober, be watchful: your
adversary the devil as a roaring lion prowls
about, seeking someone to devour; whom
withstand, steadfast in the faith.

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

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.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Luke 24: 35 - 48

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.**

**Alleluia. Christ is risen, alleluia.
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

**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