

Order for Night Prayer (Compline) Wednesday, 12 -5-21

Preparation

R1. The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.
Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

R1. Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

R1. O God, make speed to save us.
R 2.O Lord, make haste to help us.

R2. Glory 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. Amen.
Alleluia.

R2. Said Hymn.
Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death.

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The Word of God

Psalm 104

Reader 1. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

You appointed the moon to mark the seasons,
and the sun knows the time for its setting.

You make darkness that it may be night,
in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth.

The lions roar for their prey
and seek their food from God.

The sun rises and they are gone
to lay themselves down in their dens.

People go forth to their work
and to their labour until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the sea, spread far and wide,
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan
which you have made to play in the deep.

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.

When you give it them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled with good.

When you hide your face they are troubled;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

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May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works;
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

Creator God,
send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world,
that the whole creation,
in its groaning and striving,
may know your loving purpose
and come to reflect your glory;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Glory 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. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Reader 2. Revelation 22.4,5

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.,**
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

The Gospel of the lord according to John
John 16:12-15

“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

This is the Gospel of the lord, **Praise to you O Christ.**

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Gospel Canticle

Alleluia. The Lord is risen, alleluia,
as he promised to you. Alleluia, alleluia.

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. (Luke 2.29-32)

**Glory 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. Amen.**

Reader 1. Alleluia. The Lord is risen, alleluia,
as he promised to you. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prayers

Reader 1 Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our God
Blessed is his name, whose glorious kingdom is for ever and ever
Blessed be the Lord by day

Reader 2 Blessed be the Lord by night

Reader 1 Blessed be the Lord when we lie down

Reader 2 Blessed be the Lord when we rise up

Reader 1 For in your hand are the souls of the living and the dead

Reader 2. In his hand is the soul of every creature and the soul of human flesh

Reader 1 Within his hand I lay my soul

Reader 2 You have redeemed me, Lord God of truth

Reader 1 Our God who is in heaven, reveal your unity, establish your kingdom
for all time

Reader 2 And rule over us for ever and ever

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Reader 1. The Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

. Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour
has taught us:

**Our Father, who 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, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

Reader 1. Visit this place, O Lord, we pray,
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;
may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,
and may your blessing be always upon us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reader 1. The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

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May the risen Lord Jesus bless us.
May he watch over us and renew us
as he renews the whole of creation.
May our hearts and lives echo his love. Amen

**All, and may the Peace of the lord Jesus Christ be always with you
And also, with you.**

**and The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**