

The Ordinary of the Order of Saint Luke for
Compline
(Night Prayer)

Let the members of the community gather in silence as music calls us to prayer.

CALL TO PRAYER

O God, come to our assistance.

O Lord, hasten to help us.

The Lord almighty grant us a restful night,
and peace at the last.

Amen.

NIGHT HYMN (11.11.11.5; Tune: *Herzliebster Jesu*, UMH 289)

Now, God, be with us for the night is closing;
Both light and darkness are of your disposing,
And, 'neath your shadow, here to rest we yield us,
For you will shield us.

Let peaceful thoughts be ours when sleep o'ertakes us,
Our earliest thoughts be yours when morning wakes us,
All day to serve you through all we are doing,
Your praise pursuing.

O God, your name be praised, your kin-dom given.
Your will be done on earth as 'tis in heaven;
Keep us in life, forgive our sins, deliver
now and for-ever.

[PETRUS HERBERT, 1566; TR. CATHERINE WINKWORTH, 1863; ALT]

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

O Thou, most holy and beloved,
my Companion, my Guide upon the way,
my bright evening star:
We repent the wrongs we have done.

We have wounded your love.
O God, heal us.
We stumble in the darkness.
Light of the world transfigure us.
We forget that we are your home.
Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Eternal Spirit, living God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
all that we are, have been, and shall be
is known to you,
to the very secrets of our hearts
and all that rises to trouble us.

Living flame, burn into us,
cleansing wind, blow through us,
fountain of water, well up within us,
that we may love and praise in deed and in truth.

[ANZPB-HKMOA]

—*silence*—

We are a forgiven people!
Thanks be to God!

PSALTER

Our help is in the name of the Lord;
who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 4

(May be sung softly and prayerfully in unison to Psalm Tone 2)

Answer when I call, faithful God.
You cleared a-way my trouble;
be good to me,
listen to my prayer.

How long, proud fools, will you in-sult my honor,
loving lies and chas-ing shadows?
Look! God a-stounds be-lievers,
the Lord listens when I call.

Tremble, but do not de-spair.
Attend to your heart, be calm through the night,
worship with in-tegrity,
trust in the Lord.

Cynics ask, "Who will bless us? Even God has turned a-way."
You give my heart more joy
than all their grain and wine.
I sleep se-cure at night,
you keep me in your care.

—silence—

PSALM 134

(May be sung softly and prayerfully in unison to Psalm Tone 2)

Bless the - Lord,
all who serve in God's house,
who stand - watch
through-out the night.

Lift up your hands in the ho-ly place
and bless the Lord.
And may God, the maker of earth and sky,
bless you from Zion.

THE GLORIA

Glory to the blessed and ho-ly Trinity:
One God, now and for-ever. A-men.

SCRIPTURE

A brief passage such as 2 Corinthians 4:6-10.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

—*silence*—

PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

THE KYRIE (*UMH #482, KRIEWALD KYRIE*)

This or another form of the Kyrie may be used.

Kyrie eleison, **Kyrie eleison.**

Christe eleison, **Christe eleison.**

Kyrie eleison, **Kyrie eleison.**

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT'S PRESENCE

Be present, Spirit of God, within us, your dwelling place and home, that this house may be one 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.**

[ANZPB-HKMOA]

PRAYER FOR THE NIGHT

Visit this place, O Lord, and deliver us from every snare of the enemy. May your angels be round about us to guard us in peace and let your blessing be upon us always; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[ADAPTED FROM THE ROMAN BREVIARY]

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND/OR THE "SPIRIT PRAYER" (*in unison*)

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.
[For] the hurts we [inflict on] one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too 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 for ever. Amen.

[JIM COTTER, *PRAYER AT NIGHT*; CAIRNS PUBLICATIONS, 1991. USED WITH PERMISSION. []: ALTERED.]

HYMN [84.84.888.4; Tune: *Ar Hyd Y Nos*, UMH 688]

God that madest earth and heaven, darkness and light,
who the day for toil hast given, for rest the night.
May thine angel guards defend us,
slumber sweet thy mercy send us,
holy dreams and hopes attend us
this live-long night.

When the constant sun returning unseals our eyes,
may we born anew like morning, to labor rise.
Gird us for the task that calls us,
let not ease and self enthrall us,
strong through thee whate'er befall us,
O God most wise!

[REGINALD HEBER, 1783-1826]

COMMENDATION

In peace we will lie down and sleep.

In the Lord alone we safely rest.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping,

that awake we may watch with Christ,

and asleep we may rest in peace.

May the divine help remain with us always.

And with those who are absent from us.

—silence—

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit,

For you have redeemed me, O Lord,

O God of Truth.

[SARUM BREVIARY, Ps. 4:8 AND 30:5, ADAPTED]

CANTICLE OF SIMEON (*The “Nunc Dimittis”; Luke 2:29-32*)

(*Sung in unison to Psalm Tone One*)

Lord, you have now set your servant free

to go in peace as you have *promised*;

for these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,

Whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

A Light to enlighten the *nations*,

And the glory of your people *Israel*.

[ICET]

GOING FORTH

May Almighty God, the blessed and holy Trinity,
guard and bless us. Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Let the community be in prayer, departing one by one in silence.



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