

# PRAYER AT THE CLOSE OF THE DAY

*Compline*

1. *The congregation assembles in silence.*

*Stand*

The first system of the musical score. It features a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "The Lord al-might-y grant us a qui-et night and peace at the last. A - men." Above the vocal line, there are two boxed letters: 'L' at the beginning and 'C' at the end of the phrase. The piano accompaniment is shown in grand staff notation (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one sharp. The piano part is mostly silent, with some chords appearing at the end of the system.

The second system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "It is good to give thanks un - to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;" Above the vocal line, there are two boxed letters: 'L' at the beginning and 'C' at the end of the phrase. The piano accompaniment continues with chords in the grand staff.

The third system of the musical score. The vocal line concludes with the lyrics: "to her - ald your love in the morn - ing, your truth at the close of the day." Above the vocal line, there are two boxed letters: 'L' at the beginning and 'C' at the end of the phrase. The piano accompaniment concludes with chords in the grand staff.

2. *HYMN 278 or another hymn appropriate for a night service is sung.*

*Sit*

3. *The CONFESSIO**N follows*

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for self-examination.*

L: Holy and gracious God,

**C: I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.**

L: By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We rest now in his peace and rise in the morning to serve him.

*Sit*

4. *The PSALMODY: Psalm 134. Silence for meditation follows the psalm.*

Come, bless the Lord, ye ser-vants all, who in God's house by night  
 Lift up your hands un-to the Lord, in con-fi-dence se-cure,

bring to the Lord the high-est praise, and to the dark-ness,  
 though earth and hea-ven pass a-way, God's good-ness shall en-

light, and to the dark-ness, light.  
 dure, God's good-ness shall en-dure.

*5. The psalm prayer appropriate to the psalm is said following the silence.*

**C: Amen**

*6. As a BRIEF LESSON, one or more of the following are read.*

You are in our midst, O Lord, and you have named us yours; do not forsake us, O Lord our God. (Jer. 14:9)

Come to me, all whose work is hard, whose load is heavy, and I will give you rest. Bend your necks to my yoke, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble-hearted; and you will find rest. For my yoke is good to bear, my load is light. (Matt. 11:28-30)

Peace is my parting gift to you, my own peace, such as the world cannot give. Set your troubled hearts at rest, and banish your fears. (John 14:27)

I am convinced that there is nothing in death or life, in the realm of spirits or superhuman powers, in the world as it is or the world as it shall be, in the forces of the universe, in heights or depths—nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 8:38-39)

Humble yourselves under God's might hand and he will lift you up in due time. Cast all your cares on him, for you are his charge. Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. (1 Peter 5:6-9a)

7. The *RESPONSORY* follows the reading(s).

In - to your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it. Into your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth. Into your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Into your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

*Stand*

8. *THE HYMN* is sung.

*Sit*

L
C
L

Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry. Keep me as the apple of your eye;

C
L

hide me in the shadow of your wings. In righteousness I shall see you;

C

when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night,

so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 those who 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

*Stand*

10. The GOSPEL CANTICLE is sung

**L**

Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing;  
that a - wake we may watch with Christ and a - sleep we may rest in peace.

**C**

Now in peace and calm as - sur - ance, let your ser - vant go, O Lord;  
Light to all who sit in dark - ness; God as flesh, with flesh to dwell;  
Guide us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, in your Grace that does not cease;

for mine eyes be - hold your glo - ry, e - ver prom - ised in your Word,  
eyes of faith now see sal - va - tion in your gift: Im - man - u - el,  
that a - wake we watch with Christ, and a - sleep we rest in peace,



e - ver prom - ised in your Word.  
 in your gift: Im - man - u - el.  
 and a - sleep we rest in peace.

11. The *BENEDICTION* concludes the service.

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Fath - er and the Son, and the ho-ly Spir - it,  
 bless us and keep us. A - men.

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