

Compline (Night Prayer) Fridays

O God, come to our aid. *R.* O Lord, make haste to help us.
together: 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.

Examination of Conscience

Hymn

Now that the daylight dies away,
By all thy grace and love,
Thee, Maker of the world, we pray
To watch our bed above.

Let dreams depart and phantoms fly,
The offspring of the night,
Keep us, like shrines, beneath thine eye,
Pure in our foe's despite.

This grace on thy redeemed confer,
Father, co-equal Son,
And Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
Eternal Three in One.

Psalm 133 (134) *Evening Prayer in the Temple*

Lord, have mercy and hear me.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!
O men, how long will your hearts be closed,
will you love what is futile and seek what is false?
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.
Fear him; do not sin: ponder on your bed and be still
Make justice your sacrifice, and trust in the Lord.
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.
You have put into my heart a greater joy
than they have from abundance of corn and new wine.
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Glory be to the Father... Amen

Lord, have mercy and hear me.

Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Short Responsory

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

R/ Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth. *R/*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. R/

Nunc Dimittis

together: Save us, Lord, while we are awake;

*protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ
and rest with him in peace.*

At last, all-powerful Master, you give leave to your servant
to go in peace, according to your promise. For my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.

Glory be

Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep;
that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace.

Let us pray.

Come to visit us, Lord, this night,
so that by your strength we may rise at daybreak
to rejoice in the resurrection of Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. Amen.

Anthem to Our Lady – Ave Regina Caelorum / Hail Queen of Heaven

Ave, Regína cælórum,
ave, Dómina angelórum,
salve, radix, salve, porta,
ex qua mundo lux est orta.
Gaude, Virgo gloriósa,
super omnes speciósa;
vale, o valde decóra,
et pro nobis Christum exóra.

Hail, Queen of heaven, beyond compare,
To whom the angels homage pay;
Hail, Root of Jesse, Gate of Light,
That opened for the world's new Day.
Rejoice, O Virgin unsurpassed,
In whom our ransom was begun,
For all your loving children pray
To Christ, our Saviour and your Son.