

## Compline (Night Prayer) Thursdays

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*

*He will conceal you with his wings; you will not fear the terror of the night.*

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
and abides in the shade of the Almighty  
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,  
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'
2. It is he who will free you from the snare  
of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;  
he will conceal you with his pinions  
and under his wings you will find refuge.
3. You will not fear the terror of the night  
nor the arrow that flies by day,  
nor the plague that prowls in the darkness  
nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.
4. A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand fall at your right,  
you, it will never approach;  
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.
5. Your eyes have only to look  
to see how the wicked are repaid,  
you who have said: 'Lord, my refuge!'  
and have made the Most High your dwelling.
6. Upon you no evil shall fall,  
no plague approach where you dwell.  
For you has he commanded his angels,  
to keep you in all your ways.
7. They shall bear you upon their hands  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.  
On the lion and the viper you will tread  
and trample the young lion and the dragon.  
Since he clings to me in love, I will free him;
8. protect him for he knows my name.  
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you,'  
I will save him in distress and give him glory.  
With length of life I will content him;

I shall let him see my saving power.  
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son...*

*He will conceal you with his wings; you will not fear the terror of the night.*

**Reading:** Revelation 22:4-5

They will see the Lord face to face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. It will never be night again and they will not need lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will be shining on them. They will reign for ever and ever.

**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 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.

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.**

Visit this house, we pray you, Lord:  
drive far away from it all the snares of the enemy.  
May your holy angels stay here and guard us in peace,  
and let your blessing be always upon us.  
Through Christ our Lord, 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, Regina 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.