

Compline

The Officiant begins

Lord it is night.

The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.

What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done;

Let it be.

The night is dark.

Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you.

The night is quiet.

Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.

Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities.

In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

Officiant

Dear God, thank you for all that is good,

for our creation and our humanity,

for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth,

for the gifts of life and of one another,

for your Love which is unbounded and eternal.

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being and open our lips

that our mouths may proclaim your praise.

Let us worship the God of Love:

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *Matthew 11:28-30*

People **Thanks be to God.**

V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

R. For you have redeemed me, O God of truth.

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

R. Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People say together: 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.
In the hurts we absorb from 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.

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,
for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid
Let us bless the Life-Giver, the Pain-Bearer, the Love-Maker,
let us praise and exalt God above all for ever.
May God's name be praised beyond the furthest star,
glorified and exalted above all for ever.

Silent prayer

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;
People **And let our cry come to you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

O God of many names, Lover of all peoples, we pray for peace, in our hearts, in our homes, in our nations, in our world, the peace of your will, the peace of our need.
Amen.

All say together

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**
Officiant The almighty and merciful God, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*