

## Maundy Thursday: Compline (Night Prayer)

### INTRODUCTION

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

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
when other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.  
Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see: O thou who changest not, abide with me.  
I need thy presence every passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.  
I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.  
Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

*H.F. Lyte*

### Psalm 90 (91) The protection of the Most High

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

He who dwélls in the shéltér of the Most Hígh \* and abídes in the sháde of the Almíghty  
sáys to the Lórd: 'My réfuge, \* my stróngthold, my Gód in whom I trúst!'

It is hé who will frée you from the snáre \* of the fówler who séeks to destróy you;  
hé will concéal you with his pínions \* and únder his wíngs you will find réfuge.

You will not féar the térror of the níght \* nor the árrów that flíes by dáy,  
nor the plágue that prówls in the dárknéss \* nor the scóurge that lays wáste at nóon.

A thóusand may fáll at your síde, \* tén thousand fáll at your ríght,  
yóu, it will néver appróach; \* his fáithfulness is búckler and shíeld.

Your éyes have ónly to lóok \* to sée how the wícked are repáid,  
yóu who have said: 'Lórd, my réfuge!' \* and have máde the Most Hígh your dwélling.

Upon yóu no évil shall fáll, \* no plágue appróach where you dwéll.  
For yóu has he commáded his ángels, \* to kéeep you in áll your wáys.

They shall béar you upón their hánds \* lest you stríke your fóot against a stóne.  
On the líon and the víper you will tréad \* and trámples the young líon and the drágon.

Since he clíngs to me in lóve, I will frée him; \* protéct him for he knóws my náme.  
When he cálls I shall ánsWER: 'I am with you,' \* I will sáve him in dístréss and gíve him glóry.

With léngth of lífe I will contént him; \* I shall lét him see my sáving pówer.

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.

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## Short Reading Apocalypse 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

Christ humbled himself for us and, in obedience, accepted death.

## Canticle Nunc Dimittis Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel

*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 lást, all-pówerful Máster, † you give léave to your sérvant \*  
to go in péace, accórding to your prómise.

For my éyes have séen your sálvation \* which you have prépared for all nátions,  
the líght to enlíghten the Géntiles \* and give glóry to Ísrael, your péople.

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.

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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.**

## Marian Anthem

### Ave Regina Caelorum

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.	Ave, Regína cælórum, ave, Dómina angelórum, salve, radix, salve, porta, ex qua mundo lux est orta.
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Rejoice, O Virgin unsurpassed, In whom our ransom was begun, For all your loving children pray To Christ, our Saviour and your Son.	Gaude, Virgo gloriósa, super omnes speciósa; vale, o valde decóra, et pro nobis Christum exóra.
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