

Family Compline

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OPENING

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.
Amen.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
The maker of heaven and earth.

CONFESSION

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

—*or*—

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

O GLADSOME LIGHT

O gladsome light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

—or sing another song you find suitable

THE PSALMS

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
For you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth. (Psalm 31:6)

Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
Hide me under the shadow of your wings. (Psalm 17:8)

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest;
For you, LORD, only, make me dwell in safety. (Psalm 4:8)

—or read together any Psalm selection you find suitable

SCRIPTURE READING

Jesus said, “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.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

—or read together any Scripture selection you find suitable

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

O Lord, hear our prayer;
And let our cry come to you.

Let us pray.

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

—and / or other intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered

CLOSING

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

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.