

## 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 my God, I call for help by day, I cry at night before you.*

1. Lord my God, I call for help by day;  
I cry at night before you.  
Let my prayer come into your presence.  
O turn your ear to my cry.
2. For my soul is filled with evils;  
my life is on the brink of the grave.  
I am reckoned as one in the tomb:  
I have reached the end of my strength,
3. like one alone among the dead;  
like the slain lying in their graves;  
like those you remember no more,  
cut off, as they are, from your hand.
4. You have laid me in the depths of the tomb,  
in places that are dark, in the depths.  
Your anger weighs down upon me:  
I am drowned beneath your waves.
5. You have taken away my friends  
and made me hateful in their sight.  
Imprisoned, I cannot escape;  
my eyes are sunken with grief.
6. I call to you, Lord, all the day long;  
to you I stretch out my hands.  
Will you work your wonders for the dead?  
Will the shades stand and praise you?
7. Will your love be told in the grave  
or your faithfulness among the dead?  
Will your wonders be known in the dark  
or your justice in the land of oblivion?
8. As for me, Lord, I call to you for help:  
in the morning my prayer comes before you.  
Lord, why do you reject me?  
Why do you hide your face?

9. Wretched, close to death from my youth,  
I have borne your trials; I am numb.  
Your fury has swept down upon me;  
your terrors have utterly destroyed me.
10. They surround me all the day like a flood,  
they assail me all together.  
Friend and neighbour you have taken away:  
my one companion is darkness.

*Glory be to the Father... Amen*

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

Lord, you are in our midst, we are called by your name.  
Do not desert us, O Lord our God!

**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.**

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, 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.