

Compline (Night Prayer) Wednesdays

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. O come, bless the Lord,
all you servants of the Lord,
who stand by night in the courts
of the house of the Lord.
2. Lift up your hands to the holy place,
and bless the Lord.
3. May the Lord bless you from Sion,
he who made both heaven and earth.

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as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

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.