

Hymns for Compline/Night Prayer

1. Now that the daylight dies away,
By all thy grace and love,
Thee, Maker of the world, we pray
To watch our bed above.
 2. Let dreams depart and phantoms fly,
The offspring of the night,
Keep us, like shrines, beneath thine eye,
Pure in our foe's despite.
 3. This grace on thy redeemed confer,
Father, co-equal Son,
And Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
Eternal Three in One.
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1. Lay your hands gently upon us
Let their touch render your peace
Let them bring your forgiveness and
healing
Lay your hands gently lay your hands
 2. You were sent to free the broken hearted
You were sent to give sight to the blind
You desire to heal all our illness
Lay your hands gently lay your hands.
 3. Lord we come to you through one another
Lord we come to you in our need
Lord we come to you seeking wholeness
Lay your hands gently lay your hands
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1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
 2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
 3. Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight
Be thou my armour and be thou my true might
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
 4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance through all my days;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
 5. High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.
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1. Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart;
Christ be within me, Christ below me,
Christ be above me never to part.
 2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my life.
 3. Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be in all tongues telling of me,
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.
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1. The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended,
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.
 2. We thank thee that thy Church, unsleeping
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping
and rests not now by day nor night.
 3. As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.
 4. The sun that bids us rest is waking
our brethren 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.
 5. So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.