

Easter Eve



March 29, 2024 | 7:30 pm

The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (*completorium*). It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day.

It is most effective when the ending is indeed an ending,
without additions, conversation or noise. If there is an address,
or business to be done, it should come first. If the service
is in church, those present depart in silence;
if at home, they go quietly to bed.

We typically remain standing for this simple service.
But if you need to sit, there are several chairs available for you.

On this most holy night, in which our
Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites
her members, dispersed throughout the world,
to gather in vigil and prayer.

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An Order for Night Prayer

(Compline)

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Lighten our darkness,
Lord, we pray,
and in your great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,
for the love of your only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Beautiful

Wickham

I see Your face in ev'ry sunrise
The colors of the morning are inside Your eyes
The world awakens in the light of the day
I look up to the sky and say
You're beautiful

I see Your power in the moonlit night
Where planets are in motion and galaxies are bright
We are amazed in the light of the stars
It's all proclaiming who You are
You're beautiful

I see You there hanging on a tree
You bled and then You died
And then You rose again for me
Now You are sitting on Your heavenly throne
Soon we will be coming home
You're beautiful

When we arrive at eternity's shore
Where death is just a memory and tears are no more
We'll enter in as the wedding bells ring
Your bride will come together and we'll sing
You're beautiful

I see Your face You're beautiful
You're beautiful You're beautiful

Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.

Confession

**Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.**

**Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ.**

Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever.**

Amen.

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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What is our hope in life and death

Christ alone Christ alone

What is our only confidence

That our souls to Him belong

Who holds our days within His hand

What comes apart from His command

And what will keep us to the end

The love of Christ in which we stand

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Chorus: O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Chorus

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Chorus

The Word of God

Psalm 139: 1-18

- ¹ O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you understand my thoughts from afar.
- ² You examine my path and my places of rest, *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ³ Indeed, there is not a word on my tongue, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- ⁴ You have enclosed me behind and before, *
and have laid your hand upon me.

- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, *
so excellent I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where shall I go then from your Spirit, *
or where shall I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make my bed in the Grave, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there shall your hand lead me, *
and your right hand shall hold me.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me," *
then shall my night be turned to day.
- 11 Even the darkness is not dark to you, and the night
is as clear as the day; *
the darkness and the light to you are both alike.
- 12 For you yourself made my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will give thanks to you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; *
marvelous are your works, and my soul knows it very well.
- 14 My bones were not hidden from you *
when I was made in secret and fashioned
in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my substance, while I was yet unformed; *
and in your book were all my members written,
- 16 Which day by day were fashioned, *
when as yet there was none of them.
- 17 How dear to me are your thoughts, O God. *
How great is the sum of them!
- 18 If I were to count them, they would be more in number
than the sand. *
When I wake up, I am present with you.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be forever.**

Amen.

The Readings

I will pour out a spirit of compassion and supplication on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that, when they look on the one whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. *Zechariah 12: 10*

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil is prowling round like a roaring lion, seeking for someone to devour. Resist him, strong in the faith. *1 Peter 5: 8-9*

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever. *Revelation 22: 4-5*

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

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For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

I commend my spirit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Gospel Cantic

The Nunc dimittis (*The Song of Simeon*)

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

¹ Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.

² My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

³ A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2: 29-32

**Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

A Prayer from the Great Vigil of Easter

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collects

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray, and drive far from it the snares of the enemy; may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace, and may your blessing be always upon us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God,
as we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son,
help us to see and know your love for us,
so that in humility, love and joy
we may place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Tremble

Figueroa / Bentley / McManus / Fieldes

Bridge: Your name is a light that the shadows can't deny
Your name cannot be overcome
Your name is alive forever lifted high
Your name cannot be overcome

Chorus: Jesus Jesus You make the darkness tremble
Jesus Jesus You silence fear
Jesus Jesus You make the darkness tremble
Jesus Jesus

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Peace bring it all to peace
The storms surrounding me
Let it break at Your name

Still call the sea to still
The rage in me to still
Every wave at Your name

Chorus

Breathe call these bones to live
Call these lungs to sing
Once again I will praise

Chorus

Bridge

Jesus Paid It All

Nifong / Hall / Grape

And I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

Chorus 1: Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

Chorus

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Chorus

Chorus 2: Oh praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Moore / McCracken

Chorus: We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

Come with the dawning of the day
and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.

The Blessing

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;
the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.

Amen.



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