

# *Easter Eve*



April 19, 2025 | 7:45 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.”

*BCP p 582*

# An Order for Night Prayer

## *(Compline)*

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### **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.*

### ***Graves Into Gardens***

*Lake / Brown / Furtick / Hudson*

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me  
Man's empty praise  
and treasures that fade  
Are never enough

Then You came along  
and put me back together  
And every desire  
will be satisfied here in Your love

*Chorus:* Oh there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness  
My failures and flaws  
Lord You've seen them all  
And You still call me friend

'Cause the God of the mountain  
Is the God of the valley  
There's not a place  
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

*(continued on pg. 2)*

*Bridge:* You turn mourning to dancing  
You give beauty for ashes  
You turn shame into glory  
You're the only one who can  
You turn graves into gardens  
You turn bones into armies  
You turn seas into highways  
You're the only one who can

## **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*

*Kaufflin / Getty / Boswell / Papa / Merker*

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

*(continued on pg. 3)*

*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.

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

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.*

# *How He Loves*

*McMillan*

He is jealous for me  
loves like a hurricane, I am a tree  
bending beneath  
the weight of His wind and mercy

When all of a sudden I am unaware of  
These afflictions eclipsed by glory  
I realize just how beautiful You are  
And how great Your affections are for me

Pre-Chorus: Oh how He loves us so  
                  Oh how He loves us  
                  How He loves us so

*Chorus:* (Yeah) He loves us  
                  Oh how He loves us  
                  Oh how He loves us  
                  Oh how He loves

We are His portion and He is our prize  
Drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes  
If His grace is an ocean we're all sinking

So Heaven meets earth  
Like an unforeseen kiss  
And my heart turns violently inside of my chest }  
I don't have time to maintain these regrets  
When I think about the way that...

*Chorus*

# *The Solid Rock*

*Mote / Bradbury*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

*Chorus:* On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils His lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

*Chorus*

His oath His covenant His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay

*Chorus*

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

*Chorus*

# *Jesus Paid It All*

*Nifong / Hall / Grape*

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

*Chorus:* 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  
Your pow'r and Yours alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone

For nothing good have I  
Whereby Your grace to claim  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb

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

## **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.**

# *Revelation Song*

*Riddle*

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Holy holy is He  
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat

*Chorus:* Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of kings  
You are my ev'rything  
And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor strength and glory  
And power be to You the only wise King

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water  
Such a marv'ulous mystery yeah

## **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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