

Three Rivers Group Compline

Wednesday 25 August 2021

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

[Psalm 33:22]

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.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**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.**

1. Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love,
would keep your watch around us while
we sleep.

2. From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.

3. O Father, that we ask be done

Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death. Amen

Psalm 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, ♦ then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter ♦ and our tongue with songs of joy.
- 3 Then said they among the nations, ♦ ‘The Lord has done great things for them.’
- 4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us, ♦ and therefore we rejoiced.
- 5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, ♦ as the river beds of the desert.
- 6 Those who sow in tears ♦ shall reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, ♦ will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

Psalm 134

- 1 Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, ♦ you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.
- 2 Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary ♦ and bless the Lord.
- 3 The Lord who made heaven and earth ♦ give you blessing out of Zion.

**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.**

Scripture Reading (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God’s word, which is also at work in you believers.

Responsory

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

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For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

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

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

The Nunc Dimittis (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.

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

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

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

**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.**

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Prayers

We pray together, either in silence or by speaking short prayers into the group. As the prayers continue candles will be lit.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Visit our homes, O Lord, we pray, and drive far from them 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.**

The Lord's Prayer is said.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Conclusion

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

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for 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.

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.**