



**Compline (Night Prayer)
for Saturday**

Introduction

God, come to my assistance.
Lord, make haste to help me.
Glory to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
**as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Examination of Conscience

We are called to have a clear conscience toward God and toward men, in our hearts and in our minds, in our actions and inactions. To do so, it is vital that we examine our conscience daily and to ask for God's mercy as we fall short and to ask for His strength to do better.

(period of silence)

***I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.***

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Hymn

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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Psalm 4



Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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When I call, answer me, O God of **justice**;
from anguish you released me, have **mercy** and hear me!

O men, how long will your hearts **be** closed,
will you love what is futile and **seek** what is false?

It is the Lord who grants favors to those whom **he** loves;
the Lord hears me whenever **ever** I call him.

Fear him; do not sin: ponder on your bed and **be** still
Make justice your sacrifice, and **trust** in the Lord.

'What can bring us happiness?' **many** say.
Lift up the light of your face **on** us, O Lord.

You have put into my heart a **greater** joy
than they have from abundance of **corn** and new wine.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes **at** once
for you alone, Lord, make me **dwell** in safety.

Glory to the Father and to **the** Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, **is** now,
and will be for**ever**. Amen.

Psalm 133 (134)



O come, bless **the** Lord,
all **you** who serve the Lord,

who stand in the house of **the** Lord,
in the courts of the **house** of our God.

Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the Lord throughout the night.

May the Lord bless you from Sion,
he who made both heaven and earth.

Glory to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

All your servants praise and thank you, Lord. Be our light as night descends. We lift up to you the good works of our hands; grant us your generous blessing.

Short Reading

Deuteronomy 6: 4-7

Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Short Responsory

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.
Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.
You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth, alleluia, alleluia.
Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle

Nunc Dimittis

Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep; that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace. Alleluia.

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled.

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine,
secundum verbum tuum in pace:

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

Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum
Quod parasti ante faciem omnium
populorum:

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

Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam
plebis tuae Israel.

Glory to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep; that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace. Alleluia.

Let us pray

Lord, be with us throughout this night.
When day comes, may we rise from sleep
to rejoice in the resurrection of your Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Regina Caeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia!
for he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia!
has risen as he said, alleluia!
Pray for us to God, alleluia!

Regína cæli, lætare, allelúia,
quia quem meruísti portáre, allelúia,
resurréxit sicut dixit, allelúia;
ora pro nobis Deum, allelúia.