

Compline

A: The Lord grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.

[all] Amen

A: Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

B: The maker of heaven and earth.

A: Let us confess our sins to God.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father: We have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

A: May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

B: O God, make speed to save us.

A: 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 will be for ever. *Amen. (Alleluia)*

Psalm 4 (Cum invocarem)

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Glory to the Father...

Psalm 134 (Ecce nunc)

- 1 Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, *
you that stand by night in the house of the LORD.
- 2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; *
the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

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Jeremiah 14:9,22

Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God.

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A: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit
B: For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
A: Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
B: Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

A: Lord, have mercy.
B: Christ, have mercy.
A: Lord, have mercy.

Our Father who art in heaven....

A: Lord, hear our prayer;
B: And let our cry come to you.
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[Silence, free intercessions, and thanksgivings]

Antiphon: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. (Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia)

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