Compline

November 23-27

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of the bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

O God, make speed to save us.

*O Lord, make haste to help us*.

Let us say together the psalm.

**Psalm 95**

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great king above all gods.

In his hands are the caverns of the earth,

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is him, for he made it,

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Psalm 100**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands:

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: the Lord himself is God;

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and all upon his name.

For the Lord is good,

his mercy is everlasting,

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

**Psalm 126**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

then we were like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,

and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations,

"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us,

and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,

like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears

will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,

will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**Readings**

**Monday**

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing to your name, O Most High. *Psalm 9:1-2*

**Tuesday**

Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures for ever. Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord or show forth all his praise? Happy are those who act with justice and always do what is right. *Psalm 106:1-3*

**Wednesday**

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Ephesians 5:18-20*

**Thursday**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him. *Colossians 3:15-17*

**Friday**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your heart sand your minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:6-7*

**A Litany of Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all his gifts to freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord*.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord*.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord*.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord*.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord*.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord*.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord*.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord*.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

*To him be praise and glory with you, O God, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*And let our cry come to you.*

Let us pray.

*The officiant says one of the following collects*.

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The following prayers may be added*.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love’s sake. *Amen.*

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Gracious God, giver of all mercies, we your servants give you humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*