Compline

November 16-20

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 67**

The Lord be merciful to us and bless us,

show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon the earth,

your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity

and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase;

may God, our own God, give us God's blessing.

May God give us his blessing,

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

**Psalm 84**

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;

by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house!

they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you!

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

One day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room;

and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God

than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

No good thing with the Lord withhold

from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord of hosts,

happy are they who put their trust in you!

**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!

**Readings**

**Monday**

Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14:9, 22*

**Tuesday**

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *Matthew 11:28-30*

**Wednesday**

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

**Thursday**

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. *1 Peter5:8-9a*

**Friday**

It is the God who said, Let light shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. *2 Corinthians 4:6-10*

**Litany of Healing**

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

God the Creator, your will for all people is health and salvation.

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

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it abundantly.

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

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence.

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

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being.

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

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick or injured that they may be made whole.

*Hear us, O Lord of life*.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence.

*Hear us, O Lord of life*.

Bless doctors, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, especially Deb Dee, John Lloyd, Lauren Gensler, Rhonda Leake, Debbie Leake, and Audra Smith, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

*Hear us, O Lord of life*.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by your grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved.

*Hear us, O Lord of life*.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in our world.

*Hear us, O Lord of life*.

You are the Lord who does wonders.

*You have declared your power among the* peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life.

*And in your light we see light*.

Hear us, O Lord of life.

*Heal us, and make us whole*.

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*.

*Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.*

Lord, you now have set your servant free

to go in peace as you have promised.

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,

whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

A Light to enlighten the nations,

and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to God, sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,

As in the beginning, so now, and for ever.

Amen.

*Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.*

Lord, it is night.

The night is for stillness.

Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.

What has been done has been done;

what has not been done has not been done;

let it be.

The night is dark.

Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives

rest in you.

The night is quiet.

Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,

all dear to us,

and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.

let us look expectantly to a new day,

new joys,

new possibilities.

In your name we pray.

*Amen*.

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*