



**Compline (Night Prayer)
for Thursday**

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.

H.F. Lyte

Psalm 15 (16)



Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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Preserve me, God, I take refuge in **you**.
I say to the Lord: 'You are **my** God.
My happiness **lies** in you alone.'

He has put into my heart a **mar**velous love
for the faithful ones who **dw**ell in his land.

Those who choose other gods increase their **sor**rows.
Never will I offer their offerings **of** blood.
Never will I take their **na**me upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion **and** cup;
it is you yourself **who** are my prize.
The lot marked out for me is **my** delight:
welcome indeed the **her**itage that falls to me!

I will bless the Lord who gives me **coun**sel,
who even at **ni**ght directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in **my** sight:
since he is at my right hand, **I** shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul **is** glad;
even my body shall **rest** in safety.
For you will not leave my soul **among** the dead,
nor let your **belo**ved know decay.

You will show me the path **of** life,
the fullness of joy in your **pre**sence,
at your right hand **happi**ness forever.

Glory to the Father and to **the** Son,
and to the **H**oly Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, **is** now,
and will be for**ev**er. Amen.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Lord Jesus, uphold those who hope in you and give us your counsel, so that we may know the joy of your resurrection and deserve to be among the saints at your right hand.

Short Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:23

May the God who gives us peace make you completely his, and keep your whole being, spirit, soul, and body, free from all fault, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Short Responsory

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

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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 God, send peaceful sleep
to refresh our tired bodies.

May your help always renew us
and keep us strong in your service.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **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.