

Compline: Night Prayer of the Church

Tuesdays during Eastertide

✠ INTRODUCTION

✠ O God, come to our aid.

✠ O Lord, make haste to help us.

✠ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

✠ As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

✠ EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

✠ PSALM 142

✠ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Lord, listen to my prayer:
turn your ear to my appeal.
You are faithful, you are just; give answer.
Do not call your servant to judgement
for no one is just in your sight.

**The enemy pursues my soul;
he has crushed my life to the ground;
he has made me dwell in darkness
like the dead, long forgotten.
Therefore my spirit fails;
my heart is numb within me.**

I remember the days that are past:
I ponder all your works.
I muse on what your hand has wrought
and to you I stretch out my hands.
Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you.

**Lord, make haste and answer;
for my spirit fails within me.**

**Do not hide your face
lest I become like those in the grave.**

In the morning let me know your love
for I put my trust in you.
Make me know the way I should walk:
to you I lift up my soul.

**Rescue me, Lord, from my enemies;
I have fled to you for refuge.
Teach me to do your will
for you, O Lord, are my God.
Let your good spirit guide me
in ways that are level and smooth.**

For your name's sake, Lord, save my life;
in your justice save my soul from distress.

Glory be...

✠ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

✠ 1 PETER 5:8-9

Be calm but vigilant, because your enemy the devil is prowling round like a roaring lion, looking for someone to eat. Stand up to him, strong in faith.

✠ 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 be 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

℟ Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace. Alleluia.

At last, all-powerful Master,
you give leave to your servant
to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have prepared for all nations,
the light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.

Glory be...

℟ Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace. Alleluia.

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYER

℣ In your mercy, Lord,
dispel the darkness of this night.
Let your household so sleep in peace
that at the dawn of a new day
they may, with joy, waken in your name.
Through Christ our Lord.

℟ Amen.

℣ The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

℟ Amen.