

HOLY CROSS TUESDAY EVENING SERVICE

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The angels of God guard us through the night,
and quieten the powers of darkness.

The Spirit of God be our guide
to lead us to peace and to glory.

It is but lost labour that we haste to rise up early,
and so late take rest, and eat the bread of anxiety.
For those beloved of God are given gifts even while they sleep.

Silence

My brothers and sisters, our help is in the name of the eternal God, who is making the heavens and the earth.

NIGHT PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for all that is good, for our creation and for our humanity, for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth, for the gifts of life and of one another, for your love which is unbounded and eternal.

O thou, most holy and beloved, my Companion, my Guide upon the way, my bright evening star.

We repent the wrongs we have done:

Silence

We have wounded your love.

O God, heal us.

We stumble in the darkness.

Light of the world transfigure us.

We forget that we are your home.

Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Eternal Spirit, living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you, to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us. Living flame burn into us, cleansing wind, blow through us, fountain of water, well up within us, that we may love and praise in deed and in truth.

INVOCATION

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being and open our lips,
that our mouths may proclaim your praise.

Let us worship the God of love.

PSALM 16

The minister and people pray responsively.

O God, I give you thanks for the wisdom of your counsel,
even at night you have instructed my heart.

I have set your face always before me,
you are at my right hand and I shall not fall.

Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices,
my flesh also shall rest secure.

For you will not give me over to the power of death,
nor let your faithful one see the Pit.

In your presence is the fulness of joy,
and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

Reading

Luke 6:27-38

Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who abuse you. Do good and lend, expecting nothing in return; for God is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful as your father is merciful. Judge not and you will not be judged. Condemn not and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and it will be given to you; for the measure you give will be the measure you receive.

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Before the ending of the day, Creator of the world we pray,
that you, with love and lasting light, would guard us through the hours of night.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes, from nightly fears and fantasies;
redeem through us our evil foe, that we no lasting harm may know.

O wisest Guide, grant all we ask, fulfil in us your holy task,
surround us with your love and care, and lead us on, your life to share.

All praise to God, sustaining us, redeeming and transforming us,
thanksgiving in eternity, all praise, beloved Trinity.

Be still and know that I am God.
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Be still and know that I am God.

I am the God that healeth thee.
I am the God that healeth thee.
I am the God that healeth thee.

In thee, O God, I put my trust.
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PRAYERS

Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O God of truth and love. Keep me, O God, as the apple of an eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Let us take a moment in silence to pray for our needs and the needs of others.

Song of Simeon

The minister and people pray responsively.

Praise be to God, I have lived to see this day.

God's promise is fulfilled, and my duty done.

At last you have given me peace, for I have seen with my own eyes
the salvation you have prepared for all nations

a light to the world in its darkness, and the glory of your people Israel.

**Glory be God, sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying, as in the beginning,
so now, and for ever. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Alternative)

The minister and people pray together.

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

The minister and people pray responsively.

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,

for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid.

Let us bless the Earth-maker, the Pain-bearer, the Life-giver,

let us praise and exalt God above all for ever.

May God's name be praised beyond the furthest star,

glorified and exalted above all for ever.

Nunc Dimittis

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

The minister and people pray together.

Eternal God, compassionate and merciful, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all people. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your boundless love in the redemption of the world by our Saviour Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us that due sense of all your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful, and that we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

To God the Creator, who loved us first and gave this world to be our home, to God the Redeemer, who loves us and by dying and rising pioneered the way of freedom, to God the Sanctifier, who spreads the divine love in our hearts, be praise and glory for time and for eternity.

May you live without fear, knowing that your Creator has made you holy, has always supported you, and loves you unconditionally. Live in peace and love and support each other. Follow the good road, and may God's Blessing, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you always. **Amen.**

The divine Spirit dwells in us.

Thanks be to God.