

Daily Devotions—Compline

Remembering Ephrem of Edessa

Officiant The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father: We have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Join me in reading from Psalm 98

**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

**Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.**

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.**

**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

**Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.**

**In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

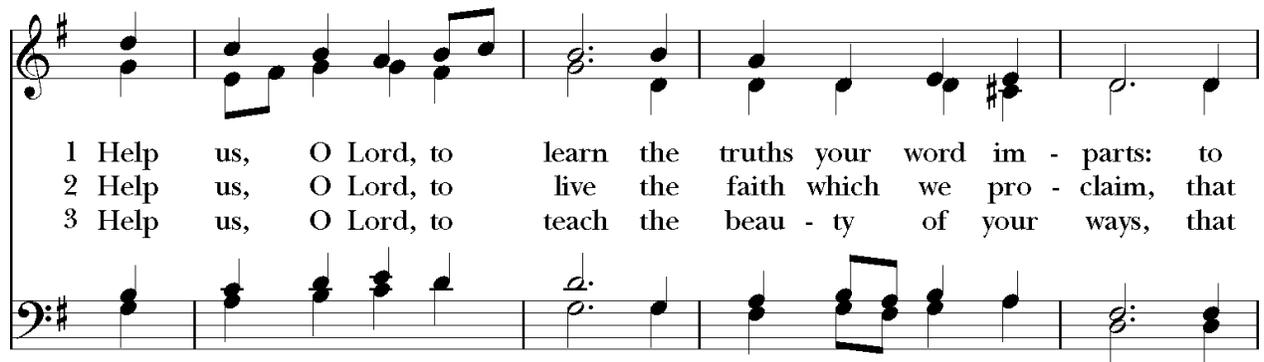
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs

My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments;
for length of days and years of life
and abundant welfare they will give you.
Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
So you will find favor and good repute
in the sight of God and of people.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A Hymn at the End of the Day (#628)



1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to
2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that
3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that



stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.
all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.
yearn - ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

Let us pray

V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

R. For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

R. Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Pour out on us, O Lord, that same Spirit by which your deacon Ephrem rejoiced to proclaim in sacred song the mysteries of faith; and so gladden our hearts that we, like him, may be devoted to you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Join with me in the prayer that Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Officiant Lord hear our prayer.

People **And let our cry come to you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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.**

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.**

And we end our service of Compline by praying together this Hymn to the Light composed by Ephrem of Edessa

**The Light of the just and joy of the upright is Christ Jesus our Lord.
Begotten of the Father, He manifested himself to us.
He came to rescue us from darkness
and to fill us with the radiance of His light.**

**Day is dawning upon us; the power of darkness is fading away.
From the true Light there arises for us
the light which illumines our darkened eyes.
His glory shines upon the world
and enlightens the very depths of the abyss.
Death is annihilated, night has vanished,
and the gates of Sheol are broken.
Creatures lying in darkness from ancient times are clothed in light.
The dead arise from the dust and sing because they have a Savior.
He brings salvation and grants us life.
He ascends to his Father on high.
He will return in glorious splendor
and shed His light on those gazing upon Him.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us. **Amen.**