

The Collects for Compline 2014-01-24
One to three shall be spoken.

1. Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

(Choir says): Amen.

2. Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Choir says): Amen.

3. Look down, O lord from thy heavenly throne. Illumine the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Choir says): Amen.

4. Visit we beseech thee, O Lord this place, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy, let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and may thy blessing be upon us evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Choir says): Amen.

5. Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend to the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake.

(Choir says): Amen.

6. O God, who art the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly beseech thy merciful protection all the night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

(Choir says): Amen.

7. 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 thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love.

(Choir says): Amen.

8. O Lord, who by triumphing over the powers of darkness didst prepare our place in the new Jerusalem; grant us, who have this day given thanks for thy resurrection, to praise thee in that city, whereof thou art the light; where with the Father and the Holy Ghost thou livest and reignest one God, world without end.

(Choir says): Amen.