

Evening Prayer, Compline

Compline is the quiet night prayer of trust in which we place ourselves in divine hands.

We attend to the sound of a bell.

May God grant us a quiet night
and peace at the last. Amen.

We light a candle.

We hear an invitation.

In returning and rest you shall be saved,
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. -Isaiah 30:15



We pray.

Oh God of peace,
who has taught us that in returning and rest
we shall be saved,
in quietness and trust shall be our strength;
By the power of your Holy Spirit
quiet our hearts we pray,
that we may be still and know that you are God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen The Book of Common Prayer

We reflect (examen).

As we come to this evening hour let us take a moment to reflect upon our day.
We have been invited to practice Stopping as Sabbath invitation and gift.

As I remember and relive my day, in what ways have I been blessed, surprised, or
delighted in stopping and noticing God's presence?

As I remember and relive my day, in what ways did I miss opportunities, neglected or
felt frustrated with stopping, or missed God's presence?

As I remember and relive my day and look forward to tomorrow, where do I feel God's
invitation?

We hear an invitation again.

In returning and rest you shall be saved,
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. -Isaiah 30:15

We wait in silence.

We pray.

Watch now, dear God,
with those who watch
or worry or weep tonight,
and give your angels charge over all.
Tend your sick ones, O Christ,
rest your weary ones,
bless your dying ones,
soothe your suffering ones,
have mercy upon your afflicted ones,
shield your joyous ones,
and all for your love's sake.
AMEN

We dismiss in peace.

Now let your servant go in peace
your word has been fulfilled;
my own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel. Luke 2:29-32, Canticle of Simeon

We bless.

Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping,
that awake we may keep watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in Christ's peace.

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God.

May the divine assistance remain with us always,
and with our loved ones everywhere. Amen!

Final bell and candle extinguished.

As soon as I lie down I fall peacefully asleep,
for you alone, O Lord, bring security to my dwelling.
-Psalm 4:9 (NAB)