

Compline service for the 134th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Colorado

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You are invited to pray the portions in bold silently or aloud while muted.

Leader: Blessed Trinity be with us.

All: And bless the remaining hours of this night.

Leader: Let us pray. Triune God, as we try to let go of our linear thinking and imagine the world and each one of us as You see us, we are enveloped by grace and Mystery. Before all that is – Your Word formed it into being. Your imprint within each of us is of ancient silence and we bear Your nature in the universe today. We were each given a Word to proclaim, a holy sequence of community, called to continue Love’s command. We pray for the bestowing of Your wisdom, the imparting of Your courage and the empowering of our indomitable imagination to open and illumine our path for we are ready to move. Amen

Music “Abide with Me” (<https://youtu.be/gpLsLuuVmtk>)

Leader: Let us read Psalm 17:6-8 responsively by half verse:

I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; *

turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.

Show me the wonders of your great love, *

you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes.

Keep me as the apple of your eye; *

hide me in the shadow of your wings.

Leader: A reading from Hebrews 11:1-3

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the world was prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are visible.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: And this faith that lives in us – it is our time to give it breadth and width and height – for who we are as we live as we pray –

**All: Who knows my heart has been intimately invited to live a commanded life.
Who knows my presence is an indispensable part of my community.
Who knows my praying is necessary as breathing.
Who knows my praying moves me from resting in the heart of God to serving the unceasing needs of my sisters and brothers.
Who knows my very being is a gift and I must be blessed, broken and shared.
Who knows my voice must proclaim the incredible, unimaginable Good News to a world that so desperately needs to hear of it.**

Leader: To the one Holy and undivided Trinity, who walks the way with us still, may our steps be guided and safeguarded into places of risk, joy, and surprise – all for Love's sake.

All: We come into this night to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. We come into this night to Thee, Jesus Christ, Jesus shelter me. Amen

Leader: Together let us pray the words that have formed our lives and our faith:

**All: 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

(from A New Zealand Prayer Book, "Night Prayer")

Leader: As you settle in for the night, we want to leave you with some things to ponder should you choose to spend this time in silence, in reflection or comfortable quiet:

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Where has your heart been opened?

Where will your blessed feet take you when this convention is over?

Where has the Truth surprised you – made your heart leap?

How will you serve God's voice from your prayers with your imaginative, creative, empowered life given to you with such great love?

Leader: Sleep, O sleep in the calm of each calm. Sleep, O sleep in the guidance of all guidance. Sleep, O sleep in the love of all loves. Sleep, O sleep in the Lord of life. Sleep, O sleep in the God of life.

All: The peace of all peace be mine this night in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(from "The Ebba Compline," *Celtic Daily Prayer*)

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