



(BCP)

**READER 1 /TERI**

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

(ELCA)

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
**the light no darkness can overcome.**

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
**and the day is almost over.**

Let your light scatter the darkness  
**And illumine your church.**

**READER 2/LARRY**

(NZPB)

We repent the wrongs we have done:

(silence may be kept)

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.**

**ALL:**

**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 secrets 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.**

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

O God made speed to save us.

**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 forever. amen**

**LEADER 3 /KAYE**

**Psalm 4 (The Book of Psalms *Carroll Stuhlmueller, CP*)**

Responsively by full verse:

Answer when I call, faithful God  
You cleared away my trouble;  
Be good to me, listen to my prayer

**How long, proud fools,  
Will you insult my honor,  
Loving lies and chasing shadow?  
Look! God astounds believers,  
The Lord listens when I call.**

Tremble, but do not despair  
Attend to your heart,  
Be calm through the night,  
Worship with integrity  
Trust in the Lord

**Cynics ask “Who will bless us?  
Even God has turned away.”  
You give my heart more joy**

**Than all their grain and wine.**

**I sleep secure at night,**

**You keep me in your care**

**Leader 1 / TERI**

Psalm 134 (BCP)

Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord

You that stand by night in the house of the Lord

Lift up your hands in the hold place and bless the Lord;

The Lord who made heaven and earth blees you out of Zion

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

**LEADER 2 /LARRY**

ELCA

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. 1 John 4:18–20

**People: Thanks be to God**

**A HYMN SUITABLE FOR EVENING MAY BE SUNG**

**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**

**NZPB**

**ALL**

From *The New Zealand Prayer Book*

**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 testing, 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 for ever.**

**Amen.**

**Lord, hear our prayer;**

**And Let our cry come to you**

**LEADER 1 / TERI**

Let us pray

**ALL**

**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.***

**LEADER 2/ LARRY**

Let us pray

**ALL**

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.*

**LEADER 3/ KAYE**

*(Prayers for retired and deceased clergy)*

We remember this evening our clergy sisters and brothers who died over the past year:

The Rev. Ken Burton, Priest

The Rev. Spencer Carr, Priest

The Rev. Jean-Jacques D'Aoust, Priest

The Rev. Michael Darrow, Priest

The Rev. Alan Douglas, Priest

The Rev. Ray Grieb, Priest

The Rev. Marion Hammond, Priest

The Rev. Janet Rawlins, Priest

The Rev. Bob Thompson, Priest

The Rev. Deacon Sally Ziegler

Eternal Lord God, you hold all souls in life: Give to your whole Church in paradise and on earth your light and your peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served you here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

We also hold in our prayers all our clergy brothers and sisters who have retired during the past year:

The Rev. Lili Bush, Priest

The Rev. Lyn Burns, Priest

The Rev. Janet Dewlen, Deacon

The Rev. Mike Fay, Priest

The Rev. Steven Hagerman, Priest

The Rev. Michael McManus, Priest

The Rev. Cope Mitchell, Priest

The Rev. Michele Quinn, Priest

The Rev. Michael Richardson, Priest

The Rev. Tim Thadden, Priest

The Rev. Catherine Tran, Priest

The Rev. Twyla Zittle, Priest

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

As we say farewell to our loved ones we entrust them into your care. We pray for happiness and joy to be ahead of them, for wisdom and guidance to be beside them, and for grace and truth to be behind them, pushing them onwards into your goodness. We know that you will always love and protect them, wherever they go. Amen

## **LEADER 1/TERI**

**(all) Guide us waking, O Lord,**

**And guard us sleeping;**



**that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

*In Easter Season, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

(Continuing together)

**Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;**

**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**

**A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.**

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

*All repeat the Antiphon*

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

*In Easter Season, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant concludes*

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