



What Does It Take? to Make Church?

135th Episcopal Church in Colorado Annual Convention

Compline, Friday, October 14, 8:00 pm
The Order of Daughters of the King Colorado Assembly

Approach

Leader: The angels of God guard us through the night,
People: and quieten the powers of darkness.

Leader: The Spirit of God be our guide
People: to lead us to peace and to glory.

Leader: It is but lost labour that we haste to rise up early,
and so late take rest, and eat the bread of anxiety.
For those beloved of God are given gifts even while they sleep.

Silence

Leader: My brothers and sisters, our help is in the name of the
eternal God,
People: who is making the heavens and the earth.

Leader: Dear God,
thank you for all that is good,
for our creation and for our humanity,
for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth,
for the gifts of life and of one another,
for your love which is unbounded and eternal.

O thou, most holy and beloved, my Companion, my Guide
upon the way,
my bright evening star.

We repent the wrongs we have done:

Silence

Leader: We have wounded your love.

People: O God, heal us.

Leader: We stumble in the darkness.

People: Light of the world transfigure us.

Leader: We forget that we are your home.

People: Spirit of God, dwell in us.

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 secret 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.

Invocation

Leader: Eternal Spirit, flow through our being and open our lips,

People: that our mouths may proclaim your praise.

Leader: Let us worship the God of love.

People: Alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God, for you are the God of justice.

You set me free when I was hard-pressed: be gracious to me now and hear my prayers.

Men and women, how long will you turn my glory to my shame?

How long will you love what is worthless and run after lies?

Know that God has shown me such wonderful kindness:
when I call out in prayer, God hears me.

Tremble, admit defeat, and sin no more.

Look deep into your heart before you sleep and be still.

Bring your gifts, just as you are,
and put your trust in God.

Many are asking, Who can make us content?

The light of your countenance has gone from us, O God.

Yet you have given my heart more gladness
than those whose corn and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for in you alone, O God, do I dwell unafraid.

Reading

For it is the God who said, “Light will shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

2 Corinthians 4:6-10

Silence

Prayers

Leader: Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit,

People: for you have redeemed me, O God of truth and love.

Leader: Keep me, O God, as the apple of an eye;

People: hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Antiphon

Preserve us, O God, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep may rest in your peace.

Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis*

Praise be to God, I have lived to see this day.
God's promise is fulfilled, and my duty done.
At last you have given me peace,

for I have seen with my own eyes
the salvation you have prepared for all nations -
a light to the world in its darkness,
and the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to God,
sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer: *Alternative Version*

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 for ever. Amen.

The minister and people pray responsively.

Leader: I will lie down in peace and take my rest,

People: for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid.

Leader: Let us bless the Earth-maker, the Pain-bearer, the Life-giver,

People: let us praise and exalt God above all for ever.

Leader: May God's name be praised beyond the furthest star,

People: glorified and exalted above all for ever.

1 A General Thanksgiving

Eternal God, compassionate and merciful,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving kindness
to us and to all people.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your boundless love
in the redemption of the world by our Saviour Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us that due sense of all your mercies,
that our hearts may be truly thankful,
and that we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives,
by giving ourselves to your service and
by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our
days;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom, with you and
the Holy Spirit,

be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

4 God our Creator, our centre, our friend,
we thank you for our good life,
for those who are dear to us,

for our dead, and for all who have helped and influenced us.
We thank you for the measure of freedom we have,
and the extent to which we control our lives;
and most of all we thank you for the faith that is in us,
for our awareness of you and our hope in you.
Keep us, we pray you, thankful and hopeful
and useful until our lives shall end.
Amen.

6 Lord, it is night.
The night is for stillness.
Let us be still in the presence of God.
It is night after a long day.
What has been done has been done;
what has not been done has not been done; let it be.
The night is dark.
Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives
rest in you.
The night is quiet.
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
all dear to us,
and all who have no peace.
The night heralds the dawn.
Let us look expectantly to a new day,
new joys,
new possibilities.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

Sentence of the Day

The blessing of God, the eternal goodwill of God, the shalom
of God, the wildness and warmth of God, be among us and
between us, now and always.

Final Versicle

The service concludes

Leader: The divine Spirit dwells in us.

People: Thanks be to God

The New Zealand Prayer Book Night Prayer: The offering of prayer late in the evening, by laity, religious orders or clergy, often called Compline, has sometimes been described as the 'goodnight prayer of the Church'. It rounds off the day and prepares us for a quiet night. As the psalmist wrote: I lie down in peace and take rest my rest for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid. Night Prayer derives its content from the wisdom of the centuries in Scripture and above all in the psalms, but also from contemporary Christian experience of God. It celebrates the awareness that each of us who tries to pray is a part of the human whole. So we are taken over the threshold from daytime, not in a mood of self-centered spirituality, but as representatives of humanity, acknowledging our creaturehood before God.

Leaders/Readers

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