



Compline

Night Church

Contemplative Evening Worship Sundays at five O'clock
St. John's Huntington, WV

Portions of this service are adapted from the Prayer Books of the Church of Ireland, the Church of England, the Scottish Book of Common Prayer, Celtic Daily Prayer Book 2, The Iona Community Worship, The Book of Uncommon Prayer, by Steven Chase and the Anglican Church of New Zealand.

Welcome. Relax. God is here.



We're glad you're here. Did you pick up a bulletin when you came in?
It has lots of information for you to take home.



If you'd like, pick up a cross stone to hold in your palm while you worship and pray. At the end of the service, place it at the foot of the cross on the small table, indicating that you offer your prayers, your life, your heart to God.

The Liturgy of the Word of God begins.

*The silence is our invitation into the heart of God. The people may choose to close their eyes and enjoy offering quiet prayers before the service begins. **In this liturgy, the people's response is in bold text.***

A chime sounds, our service begins. You may remain seated.

The Officiant says:
Beloved in Christ,
we come together
to offer to Almighty God
our worship and
praise of thanksgiving,

to confess our sins
and to receive God's forgiveness,

to hear his holy Word proclaimed,
to bring before him our needs
and the needs of the world,

and to pray that
in the power of his Spirit
we may serve him
and know the greatness
of his love.

Officiant: Let us pray.

**All: One thing I have asked of the Lord,
this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life;
to behold the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.**

One: Who is it that you seek?

All: We seek the Lord our God.

One: Do you seek him with all your heart?

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

One: Do you seek him with all your soul?

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

One: Do you seek him with all your mind?

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

One: Do you seek him with all your strength?

All: Amen. Christ have mercy.

The Officiant or Cantor sings or says:

Kyrie Eleison

Christe Eleison

**All sing or say: Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy**

The Officiant says: The Lord is here.

The People say: God's Spirit is with us.

Officiant: Let us pray.

**All: 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 you**

**as you are revealed in Scripture
and the breaking of the bread.
Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.**

The Readings we hear are from the Revised Common Lectionary appointed for this day.

When the reading ends, the Reader says: The word of the Lord.

The People Respond: Thanks be to God

We stand for the gospel. Thank you.

The Gospel Reading is announced

When the reading ends, the Reader says: The word of the Lord.

The People Respond: Thanks be to God

(You may be seated now)

A Devotion is offered as the gathered remain seated.

St. Patrick's Breastplate is sung or said, standing.

**I bind unto myself today
The strong name of the Trinity.
By invocation of the same.
The three in one and one in three.**

**I bind unto myself today
The virtues of the starlit heaven
The glorious sun's life giving ray
The fruits of earth so freely given**

**I bind unto myself today
The great love of the living word
The wisdom of my God to teach
His hand to guide his shield to ward**

**I bind unto myself today
The power of God to hold and lead
His eye to watch his might to stay
His ear to hearken to my need.**

**I bind unto myself today
The way of Christ in the life and death
The call of God to jubilee
In broken chains and cancelled death.**

The Prayers are offered, kneeling or sitting as able.

Leader: Gathering our hearts and minds, we pray for God's people and the world.

Pray for this fragile earth,
our island home...
Pray that we would be
her good stewards
and she would withstand
our abuse. *Prolonged Silence*

Pray for the Church ...
Pray that where it is right
God will strengthen it,
and where it is in error
God will direct it.

Pray that God will fill the Church
with all truth and peace. *Prolonged Silence*

Pray for the joy of human life,
with all its wonder and surprises.

Pray we would remember
that all people are created
in the very image of God. *Prolonged Silence*

Pray for the poor, the sick,
the destitute, and the dying,
in the full knowledge
that God looks with special favor
upon those in greatest need. *Prolonged Silence*

Pray for our families,
friends, and neighbors,
and for those who are alone. *Prolonged Silence*

Pray in thanksgiving
for all the blessings of this life,
and for the promise
of the next.

Pray that we may live
not by our fears
but by our hopes,
not by our words
but by our deeds. *Prolonged Silence*

Pray for ourselves and others either silently or aloud:

*(You may say your prayer out loud, silently and even at the same time
as another person. It's our joy to pray for what is in your heart.)*

The Officiant ends the prayers saying:

May the Lord our God grant these, our prayers and petitions, as may be best for us
and grant us comfort, strength and peace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession is made.

The Officiant says: Let us confess our sins. *The people may stand or kneel and all say ...*

**Merciful God,
we have sinned
in what we have
thought and said,
In the wrong
we have done
and in the good
we have not done.**

**We have sinned
in ignorance;
we have sinned**

**in weakness;
We have sinned
through our own
deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.**

**Forgive us, for our
Savior Christ's sake,
And renew our lives
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Officiant will pray for Absolution with these words:

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on us,
pardon us and set us free.
Know that we are forgiven and are at *peace*. **Amen.**

The Offering supports this service, thank you.

*You are asked to offer alms or your service for the use of the church and the good of the world.
Thank you for your generosity of purse and spirit.*

The Song of Simeon (with Antiphon)

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

**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 for ever. Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and thine is the power,
and thine is the glory,
for ever and ever.
IF spoken: Amen.
If Sung: Amen. Amen. Amen.
(then softly) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Prolonged Silence

All: Calm me, O Lord, as You stilled the storm.
Still me, O Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease.
Enfold me, Lord, in Your peace.

One: Father, bless the work that is done, and the work that is to be.
Father, bless the servants we are, and the servants that we will be.

All: Thou Lord and God of power, shield and sustain me this night.
I will lie down this night with God, and God will lie down with me;
I will lie down this night with Christ, and Christ will lie down with me;
I will lie down this night with the Spirit, and the Spirit will lie down with me;
God and Christ and the Spirit, be lying down with me.

The Blessing, Peace & Dismissal

The Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ go with you,
Wherever He may send you,
May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.
May He bring you home rejoicing
At the wonders he has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Christ, King of Tenderness,
bind us with a bond that cannot be broken.
Bind us with a bond of *love* that cannot be broken.
My brothers and sisters,
the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you, let us share in that peace together! **Amen.**

You are invited to exchange a sign of peace (a nod, a handshake, a hug) with others before leaving.



As you leave, you may wish to bring your cross stone to the altar table to leave at the foot of the cross, representing that your life belong to God, his Son and the Spirit that breathes in them.

**We're glad you're here.
Come next Sunday evening too!**

