

Christmas Compline

Rejoice and be glad! The Word became flesh and dwelt among us!
Glory to God in the highest!

God of power and mercy,
you call us once again
to celebrate the coming of your Son.
Remove those things which hinder love of you,
that when he comes,
he may find us waiting in awe and wonder
for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Isaiah 64 / Luke 2

*Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!*

There were shepherds out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks by night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

*For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.
You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin
against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved?*

The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

*Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.*

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

All: **“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace
to those on whom his favour rests!”**

Apostles Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

I believe in God,

**The Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Prayers

Mighty God, we give you our thanks and praise for the many good things you give us. . . .

Prince of Peace, we bring to you the governments, peoples, and struggles of our broken world this night. . . .

Wonderful Counselor, we lift up to you our friends, our families, and those who lead our churches, workplaces, and schools. . . .

Everlasting Father, we bring ourselves to you. You alone know what we need. Teach us to hear you. Give us strength for a new day. . . .

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Prayer of John Chrysostom

Almighty God,
you have given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common supplications unto you;
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name
you will be in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions
as may be best for us; granting us in this world
knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come
life everlasting. Amen.

Doxology

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
forever and ever. Amen.