

Lenten Compline

The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
His sheep follow him because they know his voice. (John 10:3-4)

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are but did not sin,
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in submission to your Spirit,
that as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

*He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters.*

He restores my soul;
he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

*Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me.*

Your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies:
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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

We bring to God someone whom we have met or remembered this week,
or someone for whom we want to pray . . .

We bring to God people in our lives and in our world who are hurting
tonight and need our prayer . . .

We bring to God our enemies, those who hurt us or oppose us, asking for
the healing and transformation Christ's love brings . . .

We bring to God our families, friends, schools, churches, and workplaces,
that God's wisdom and relentless mercy might nurture all we do . . .

We bring to God friends and family members who don't yet know Jesus . . .

We bring to God our own plans, hopes, and fears, remembering to pray
as Jesus did: "Not my will, but yours be done" . . .

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.**