

Resource Sheet 49

Compline

Reading:

The Little Doxology

GLORY TO GOD in the highest, and on earth peace and good will among mankind.
We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.

O Lord, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty: O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Spirit.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

You who take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

You who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For You only are holy, You only are the Lord, O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God Father. Amen.

Every night I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever, yes, unto ages of ages.

Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation.

I said: O Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

O Lord, to You have I fled for refuge.

Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; for in You is the fountain of life; in Your light shall we see light.

O continue Your mercy to those who know You.

Grant, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name unto ages of ages. Amen.

Let Your mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope in You.

Blessed are You, O Lord; teach us Your commandments.

Blessed are You, O Master; make us to understand Your commandments.

Blessed are You, O Holy One; enlighten us with Your commandments.

Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever; do not despise the works of Your hands.

To You belongs praise, to You belongs song, to You glory belongs, to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.¹

Activity:

Fill up the omitted letters in the words:

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¹ <http://www.fatherarseny.com/small-compline.html>

Key:

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² Source (with shortenings): http://www.goarch.org/chapel/liturgical_texts/ignatius_compline