

Night Prayer



Night Owls – Julianne Eleanor

An Order of Compline for Easter Season 2021



The God of peace grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.
Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

The angels of God guard us through the night,
and quiet the powers of darkness.

The Spirit of God be our guide,
to lead us to peace and to glory.

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

We have wounded your love.
O God, heal us.

We stumble in the darkness.
Light of the world, transfigure us.

We forget that we are your home.
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.
In the very secret of our hearts
you know 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. Amen.

Mon âme se repose en paix – In God alone my soul can find rest and peace

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), indicating G major. The time signature is not explicitly shown but appears to be 4/4 based on the notation. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: B, Em, C, G, D, Em, Am7, B in the first system; Em, C, D, G, Em, C, G, D in the second system; and Em, Am7, B, Em, Am, B, Em, B in the third system. The lyrics are in French and English, with the French text above and the English translation below. The English text is in italics. The third system includes the instruction 'Last time' above the final measure.

Mon â - me se re - pose en paix sur Dieu seul; de
In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace, in

lui vient mon sa - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon
God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my

â - me se re - po - se, se re - pose en paix. Mon
soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace. In

Last time

Psalm 8

O Lord our governor,
how exalted is your name in all the world!
 Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
 What are mortals that you should be mindful of them? *
Mere human beings that you should seek them out?

You have made them but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn them with glory and honour;
You give them mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under their feet:
All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
O Lord our governor, *
how exalted is your name in all the world!

Glory to God,
Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

Revelation 22.1-5

The angel showed me the river of the water of life,
bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of
the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On
either side of the river, is the tree of life with its twelve kinds
of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the
tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will
be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the
Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they
will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.
And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp
or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will
reign forever and ever.

Thanks be to God.

Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit;
For you have redeemed me, O God of truth and love.
Keep us, O God, as the apple of your eye;
Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Antiphon

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

The Song of Simeon (Luke 2.29–32)

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to God,
Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon

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

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayer

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.

Come, O Spirit of God,

and make within us your dwelling place and home.

May our darkness be dispelled by your light,

and our troubles calmed by your peace;

may all evils be redeemed by your love,

all pain transformed through the suffering of Christ,

and all dying glorified by his risen life.

Amen.

Keep watch, dear God,

and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary,

bless the dying, soothe the suffering,

pity the afflicted, shield the joyous;

and all for your love's sake.

Amen.

Gracious God,
support us all the day long of this earthly life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.

Then, O God, in your mercy,
grant us safe lodging, a holy rest,
and peace at the last;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God,
you have triumphed over the powers of darkness
and in Jesus Christ have prepared a place for us
in the new Jerusalem.

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,
for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid.
May God's name be praised beyond the furthest star
glorified and exalted above all for ever.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
Through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.