***An Order for Night Prayer (Compline)  
Wednesday, 17 June 2020***

*Preparation*

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.  
***All* Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
Who made heaven and earth**.**

***A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.***

***The following or other suitable words of penitence may be used.***

***All* Most merciful God,  
we confess to you,  
before the whole company of heaven and one another,  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed  
and in what we have failed to do.  
Forgive us our sins,  
heal us by your Spirit  
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
***All* O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

***We listen to the Compline Hymn – Before the ending of the day***

Before the ending of the day,  
creator of the world, we pray,  
that with thy wonted favour thou  
wouldst be our guard and keeper now.  
  
From all ill dreams defend our eyes,  
from nightly fears and fantasies;  
tread under foot our ghostly foe,  
that no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,  
through Jesus Christ thine only Son,  
who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,  
dost live and reign eternally.

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*The Word of God*

***Psalmody***

*We listen to Psalm* *34*

*O taste and see that the Lord is gracious*

*Send your holy angels to watch over us, O God,*

*that on our lips will be found your truth and in our hearts your love;*

*so that we may ever taste your goodness in the land of the living; through Jesus Christ our Lord*

***Scripture Reading***

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; leave us not, O Lord our God! Jeremiah 14:9

***The following responsory may be said***

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.   
***All* Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit**. For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.  
***All* I commend my spirit**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
***All* *I*nto your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye.  
***All* Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

***Gospel Canticle***

***The Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon) is said or sung.***

***All*** **Save us, O Lord while waking,**

**and guard us while sleeping**

**that awake we may watch with Christ**

**and asleep may rest in peace**

1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: *♦*  
your word has been fulfilled.

2 My own eyes have seen the salvation *♦*  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

3 A light to reveal you to the nations *♦*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

*Luke 2.29-32*

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and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen**.**

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***Prayers***

***Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.***

***The Collect***

***Silence may be kept.***

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O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you,

mercifully accept our prayers

and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature

we can do nothing good without you,

grant us the help of your grace,

that in the keeping of your commandments

we may please you both in will and deed;

through our Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and forever. A**men.**

Stir up your power, O God

And come among us,

Heal our wounds, calm our fears and give us peace

through Jesus our Redeemer.  
***All* Amen.**

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray,  
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;  
may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,  
and may your blessing be always upon us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
***All* Amen.**

***The Lord’s Prayer***

We pray in humility and obedience

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name

***All* Thy will be done**

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven

***All* Thy will be done**

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us

***All* Thy will be done**

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

***All* Thy will be done**

***All*** **For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory**

**For ever and ever. Amen**

***The Conclusion***

In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety**.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,  
so do we look for you, O Christ**.**

Come with the dawning of the day  
and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread**.**

May the Risen Christ bless us.

May he watch over us and renew us

As he renews the whole of creation

May our hearts and lives echo his love. **Amen.**

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