

An Order for Night Prayer (Compline) ***Wednesday, 24 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 121

The Lord shall keep you from all evil

*Lord, ever watchful and faithful, we look to you to be our defence
and we lift our hearts to know your help;
through Jesus Christ our Lord*

Scripture Reading

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any
excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep
on doing the things that you have learned and received and seen in me, and the
peace of God will be always with you

Philippians 4:8-9

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 Into 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

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.

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and guard us while sleeping
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace**

Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

The Collect

Silence may be kept.

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Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth;
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of all peace and virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son, Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever **Amen.**

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.

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
The lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us
The Lord look kindly upon us and give us peace **Amen.**

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