***An Order for Night Prayer (Compline)  
Wednesday, 29 July 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* *13*

*I love the Lord, for he has heard my voice of supplication*

*Jesus Christ, Son of God, who passed through the dark sleep of death*

*, remember those who cry to you in shame and silence and defeat*

*and raise them to your risen life for you are alive and reign for ever*

***Scripture Reading***

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you

1 Peter 5:6,7

***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.***

God our Father, whose Son enjoyed the love of his friends,

Mary, Martha and Lazarus, in learning, argument and hospitality;

may we so rejoice in your love

that the world may come to know the depths of your wisdom,

the wonder of your compassion

and your power to bring life out of death;

through the merits of Jesus Christ, our friend and brother 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.**

Be present, O merciful God

and protect us through the silent hours of this night,

so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world,

may rest upon your eternal changelessness;

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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