

***An Order for Night Prayer (Compline)
Wednesday, 2 September 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.

The Word of God

Psalmody

We listen to Psalm 116

Gracious is the Lord and righteous

*As we walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
may we call on your name and raise the cup of salvation
and so proclaim your death, O Lord,
Until you come in glory*

Scripture Reading

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:8

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 Cantic

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 shall be for ever. Amen.

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Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

The Collect

Silence may be kept.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear us than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve;
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation of 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

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.

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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