

# Compline

*(Night Prayer)*



**EPIPHANY**

# Order of Service

## The Preparation

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

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

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

*These words of penitence may be used*

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace:  
Lord, have mercy.  
*All*           **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:  
Christ, have mercy.  
*All*           **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh  
and splendour of the Father:  
Lord, have mercy.  
*All*           **Lord, have mercy.**

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;  
*All*           **as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia.**

## Office Hymn



Before the ending of the day,  
creator of the world, we pray  
that you, with steadfast love, would keep  
your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,  
from fears and terrors of the night;  
tread underfoot our deadly foe  
that we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done  
through Jesus Christ, your only Son;  
and Holy Spirit, by whose breath  
our souls are raised to life from death. Amen.

## The Word of God

### Psalmody

*Psalm 16*

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;  
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,  
all my good depends on you.'

*All* **All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble in heart.**

Though the idols are legion that many run after,  
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,  
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

*All* **The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;  
in your hands alone is my fortune.**

My share has fallen in a fair land;  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

*All*     **I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,  
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.**

I have set the Lord always before me;  
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

*All*     **Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;  
my flesh also shall rest secure.**

For you will not abandon my soul to Death,  
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

*All*     **You will show me the path of life;  
    in your presence is the fullness of joy  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

Glory to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

*All*     **as it was in the beginning,  
is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## **Scripture Reading**

*Titus 2.11*

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

## Responsory

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 – Nunc Dimittis

Alleluia. Christ the light of the world, alleluia,  
**has manifested his glory. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*All*

Now, Lord, 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;**

*All*

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

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.**

*All*

Alleluia. Christ the light of the world, alleluia,  
**has manifested his glory. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*All*

# Prayers

*Prayers of intercession may be offered*

## The Collect

King of kings and Lord of lords,  
making the true light to shine:  
lighten our darkness now and evermore  
that with our lips and in our lives  
we may praise you;  
for you are our God, now and for ever.

*All*      **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*All*      As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**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.**  
**Lead us not into temptation**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours**  
**now and for ever.**  
**Amen.**

# The Conclusion

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

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

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

May the living waters of Christ cleanse us,  
may the Spirit descend upon us,  
and the blessing of God be with us  
this night and always.  
*All* **Amen.**

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