

Compline

(Night Prayer)



ORDINARY TIME

Order of Service

The Preparation

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

All 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

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.
Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

O keep my soul and deliver me;
let me not be put to shame, for I have put my trust in you.
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

One or more of the following psalms may be used

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

All **How long will you nobles dishonour my glory;
how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?**

But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

All **Stand in awe, and sin not;
commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.**

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness
and put your trust in the Lord.

All **There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?'
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.**

You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

All **In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.**

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.**

Psalm 91

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,

All **Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,
my God, in whom I put my trust.'**

For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.

All **He shall cover you with his wings
and you shall be safe under his feathers;
his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.**

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

All **Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.**

Though a thousand fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand,
yet it shall not come near you.

All **Your eyes have only to behold
to see the reward of the wicked.**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge
and the Most High your stronghold,

All **There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your tent.**

For he shall give his angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.

All **They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

All **Because they have set their love upon me,
therefore will I deliver them;
I will lift them up, because they know my name.**

They will call upon me and I will answer them;
I am with them in trouble,
I will deliver them and bring them to honour.

All **With long life will I satisfy them
and show them my salvation.**

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.**

Psalm 134

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.

All **Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary
and bless the Lord.**

The Lord who made heaven and earth
give you blessing out of Zion.

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

One of the following short lessons or another suitable passage is read

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*

(or)

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil is
prowling round like a roaring lion, seeking for someone
to devour. Resist him, strong in the faith. *1 Peter 5.8–9*

(or)

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose
name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night:
they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun,
for God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.
Revelation 22.4–5

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

Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
All **that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.**

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

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

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

Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
All **that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.**

Prayers

Prayers of intercession may be offered

The Collect

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

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.

All 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 on us and give us peace.
Amen.