

AN ORDER FOR

COMPLINE



Please stand as you are able

Leader: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: O God, make speed to save us;

All: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All: **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Leader: Praise ye the Lord;

All: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Psalm 4

The psalm made be read in unison or responsively

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

²How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

³But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;

the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴When you are disturbed,^[a] do not sin;

ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

⁵Offer right sacrifices,

and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"

⁷You have put gladness in my heart

more than when their grain and wine abound.

⁸I will both lie down and sleep in peace;

for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

Matthew 11:28-30

The passage may be read by the prayer leader or by a member of the congregation

²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Into the hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

All: **Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Leader: For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth;

All: **I commend my spirit.**

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All: **Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

All say together this anthem

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,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

Leader: Keep us as the apple of an eye;

All: **Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.
Preserve us, O Lord, waking, and guard us sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we
may rest in peace.**

Nunc Dimittis

Leader: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,

All: **according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou
hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be
the glory of the people Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

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

The Apostles' Creed

All: **I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of
the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended
into hell; The third day he rose again from the
dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on
the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic
Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness
of Sins; The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: **Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be
thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be
done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this
Day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against
us: And lead us not into temptation, But deliver
Us from evil. Amen.**

Leader: Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers;

All: **To be praised and glorified above all for ever.**

Leader: Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

All: **Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.**

Leader: Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;

All: **To be praised and glorified above all for ever.**

Leader: The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and
give us his blessing.

All: **Amen.**

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

All: **We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned
in thought, word, and deed, through our
own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to**

have mercy upon us.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;

All: **That thy people may rejoice in thee?**

Leader: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

All: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Leader: Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin;

All: **O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: O Lord, hear our prayer;

All: **And let our cry come unto thee.**

The Collect for Protection

Leader: Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: 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 repose upon the eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Closing Prayers

Leader: We will lay us down in peace and take our rest;

All: For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

Leader: The Lord be with you;

All: **And with thy spirit.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord;

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, bless and preserve us.

All: **Amen.**