

PRAYERS

This or another response is used in our prayers:

In faith we pray.

All We pray to you, our God.

THE COLLECT

A short silence is kept.

One or more collects are said, ending with:

**All 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. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
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;

**All for you alone, Lord,
make us dwell in safety.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,

**All for the night is at hand
and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning,

All so do we look for you, O Christ.

Come with the dawning of the day,

**All and make yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.**

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
the Lord make his face to shine upon us
and be gracious to us;
the Lord look kindly upon us
and give us peace. **Amen.**

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An Order for NIGHT PRAYER (Compline)

In Ordinary Time

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 follows,
then this prayer of confession is said:*

**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.

**All 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. Alleluia.**

HYMN

**All 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 4

- 1 Answer me when I call,
O God of my righteousness;
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy upon me and hear my prayer.
- 2 How long will you nobles dishonour my glory;
how long will you love vain things
and seek after falsehood?
- 3 But know that the Lord
has shown me marvellous kindness;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Stand in awe, and sin not;
commune with your own heart upon your bed,
and be still.
- 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 There are many that say,
'Who will show us any good?'
Lord, lift up the light
of your countenance upon us.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when their corn and wine
and oil increase.
- 8 In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for it is you, Lord, only,
who make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 134

- 1 Come, bless the Lord,
all you servants of the Lord,
you that by night
stand in the house of the Lord.
 - 2 Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary
and bless the Lord.
 - 3 The Lord who made heaven and earth
give you blessing out of Zion.
- All 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.**

Scripture Reading [NRSV]

One of the following short lessons or another 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*

Thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In

returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness
and in trust shall be your strength. *Isaiah 30.15*

Humble yourselves 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*

Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you that are weary
and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I
am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find
rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my
burden is light.'
Matthew 11.28-30

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 CANTICLE

- 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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