An Order for Night Prayer (Compline)

**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.*

*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.**

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.**

The following may be sung

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.

**Psalm**

At the end of the psalmody, the following is said

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**

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.**

Or, in Easter

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia.

All   I**nto your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

All   **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

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

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

*All*   **Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

**Gospel Canticle**

*The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said – See Seasonal variations*

*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

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.**

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.**

**Prayers**

**The Collect followed by The Lord’s Prayer**

**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.**

[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 shine upon us and be gracious to us;

the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.

All   **Amen.**

*Lent – Nunc dimittis*

*All*   **Christ died for us, so that, whether we wake or sleep, we might live with him.**

*Passiontide - Nunc dimittis*

*All*   **Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness**

*Easter - Nunc dimittis*

*All*   **Alleluia. The Lord is risen, alleluia, as he promised to you.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

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