

THE ORDER OF



COMPLINE

At Eight O'clock in the Evening

Welcome to this service of Compline which is taken from the Book of Common Prayer (1928)



The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (completorium).

It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day.

Please do join us in church at 8.00pm on Monday and Wednesday during Holy Week.

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We gather in silence. When the bell rings, we STAND

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

BRETHREN, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist, steadfast in the faith. *1 St. Peter 5. 8,9.*

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us;
Thanks be to God.

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

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

Praise ye the Lord;
The Lord's name be praised.

Then shall be said Psalm 4

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness:
Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress;
Have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? How long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah.

But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him.

Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.

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

There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

Glory be 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.**

***Then shall be read a reading from Scripture.
At the end of the reading, the people respond:***

Thanks be to God.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.
I commend my spirit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

I commend my spirit.

Then shall follow this hymn.

Te lucis ante terminum.

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.

V. Keep me as the apple of an eye;

R. Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

Then shall follow the Canticle Nunc Dimitis together with the Anthem, which is to be said or sung in full before the Canticle, and again after the Gloria Patri.

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

NUNC DIMITTIS.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : 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 thy people Israel.

Glory be 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.

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

***Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed
by the Minister and people standing,***

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 Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints ; The Forgiveness of sins ; The
Resurrection of the body ; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

And after that these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In 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.

V. Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers;

R. To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

V. Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

R. Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

V. Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;

R. To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

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

R. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Minister and people say together the Confession following; and afterwards the Prayer for Forgiveness.

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. Amen.

¶ The priest stands and pronounce the following Absolution

MAY the almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

¶ Then shall be said:

V. Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;

R. That thy people may rejoice in thee?

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin;

R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

V. O Lord, hear our prayer;

R. And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

¶ Then shall be said one or more of the following Collects

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy ; let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and may thy blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

LORD Jesus Christ, son of the living God, who at this evening hour didst rest in the sepulchre, and didst thereby sanctify the grave to be a bed of hope to thy people; Make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins, which were the cause of thy passion, that when our bodies lie in the dust, our souls may live with thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. **Amen.**

LOOK down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

V. We will lay us down in peace and take our rest;
R. **For it is thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety.**

V. The Lord be with you;

R. **And with thy spirit.**

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

THE Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; bless and preserve us. **Amen.**

Here endeth the Order for Compline.