

Order for Compline 26 to 30 July 2021

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.

**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.**

May Almighty God grant you forgiveness of all your sins,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **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.**

The following hymn may be said/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.

The Word of God

Monday – 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 on 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
his 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.

Wednesday – Psalm 91

- 1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High ◆
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
- 2 Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold, ◆
my God, in whom I put my trust.'
- 3 For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler ◆
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his wings
and you shall be safe under his feathers; ◆
his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, ◆
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, ◆
nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.

Friday – 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.

Monday – Jeremiah 14.9

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us and we are called by
your name; leave us not, O Lord our God.

Wednesday – 1 Peter 5.8, 9

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.

Friday – Revelation 22.4,5

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.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

Reflections on the readings

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*

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

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

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.

All 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

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.

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.

My brothers and sisters may the Lord bless you.

All Amen.