

*An Order for Compline*  
*Sunday*

***Opening***

The God of peace grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

The angels of God guard us through the night, **and quiet the powers of darkness.**

The Spirit of God be our guide, **to lead us to peace and to glory.**

It is but lost labour that we haste to rise up early, and so late take our rest, and eat the bread of anxiety. **For those beloved of God are given gifts even while they sleep.**

For the forgiveness of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

*Silence*

Lord have mercy,  
**Christ have mercy,**  
Lord have mercy.

**Hymn:** To You Before the Close of Day

**To you before the close of day,  
Creator of all things, we pray  
that, in your constant clemency,  
our guard and keeper you would be.**

**Save us from troubled, restless sleep;  
from all ill dreams your children keep.  
So calm our minds that fears may cease  
and rested bodies wake in peace.**

**A healthy life we ask of you:  
the fire of love in us renew,  
and when the dawn new light will bring,  
your praise and glory we shall sing.**

**Almighty Father, hear our cry  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, most high,  
whom with the Spirit we adore  
forever and for evermore.**

***Psalm***

**Psalm 8**

O Lord our governor,  
how exalted is your name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him?  
the son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels;  
you adorn him with glory and honour;

You give him mastery over the works of your hands;  
you put all things under his feet;

All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our governor,  
how exalted is your name in all the world!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**  
**Amen.**

## ***Scripture Reading***

Revelation 22.1–5

The angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river, is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence*

Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit;  
**For you have redeemed me, O God of truth and love.**

Keep us, O God, as the apple of your eye;  
**Hide us under the shadow of your wings.**

*Antiphon*

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

*In Easter Season, add* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Canticle:** The Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis)

**Lord, let your servant depart in peace**  
**according to your word.**

**For my eyes have seen your salvation,**  
**which you have prepared before the face of all**  
**people,**

**a light to lighten the Gentiles**  
**and the glory of your people Israel.**

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**The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God**  
**the Father almighty,**  
**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**  
**and born of the Virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven,**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again**  
**to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the holy catholic Church,**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayer**

Lord  
it is night.

The night is for stillness.  
Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.  
What has been done has been done;  
what has not been done has not been done;  
let it be.

The night is dark.  
Let our fears of the darkness of the world  
and of our own lives rest in you.

The night is quiet.  
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,  
all dear to us,  
and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.  
Let us look expectantly to a new day,  
new joys,  
new possibilities.

In your name we pray. **Amen**

## **Prayer of Intercession**

Keep watch, dear God, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

**Amen.**

Almighty God,  
you have triumphed over the powers of darkness  
and in Jesus Christ have prepared a place for us  
in the new Jerusalem.  
May we, together with all your saints,  
give thanks for his resurrection,  
and praise him in that eternal city of which he is the light.

**Amen.**

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,  
**for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid.**

May God's name be praised beyond the furthest star,  
**glorified and exalted above all for ever.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*I invite you to say with me the Lord's Prayer in the form I am using or in the form with which you are most comfortable.*

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.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The almighty and merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. **Amen.**