

*An Order for Compline*  
*Tuesday*

**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.**

Dear God, we thank you for all that is good, for our creation and our humanity, for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth, for the gifts of life and of one another, for your love which is unbounded and eternal.

**Merciful God, we have not loved you with our whole heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, forgive what we have been,  
Accept us as we are,  
And guide what we shall be.**

O God of mercy, you forgive our past sin, you strengthen us in your gift of eternal life, you shape us for glory. O God of mercy, we thank you.

**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 16:1, 5-11**

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.  
For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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***

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are 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."

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**

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the earth  
which nurtures us and the life we live:  
watch over those, both night and day, who work while  
others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our  
common life depends upon each other's toil; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Be present, 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 rest  
in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **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.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**