

All Saints Church, Helmsley.



An Order for Night Prayer Easter to Pentecost

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.

It is most effective when the ending is indeed an ending, without additions, conversation or noise. For this reason there will be silence at the end of the service until all have finished praying.

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 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.

One of the following hymns may be sung

Te Lucis Ante Terminum

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.

Phos Hilaron (translation)

Hail, gladdening light, of his pure glory
poured,
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly,
blest,
Holiest of holies, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now we are come to the sun's hour of
rest,
The lights of evening round us shine,
We hymn the Father, Son and Holy
Spirit divine.

Worthiest art thou at all times to be
sung – with undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:
Therefore in all the world thy glories,
Lord, they own.

The Word of God

Psalmody

One or more of the following may be used. (see page 6)

The Easter Anthems

- 1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us: ◆
so let us celebrate the feast,
- 2 not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness: ◆
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- 3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: ◆
death has no more dominion over him.
- 4 In dying he died to sin once for all: ◆
in living he lives to God.

5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: ♦
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

6 Christ has been raised from the dead: ♦
the first fruits of those who sleep.

7 For as by man came death: ♦
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

8 for as in Adam all die: ♦
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Psalm 47

1 Clap your hands together, all you peoples; ♦
O sing to God with shouts of joy.

2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; ♦
he is the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdued the peoples under us ♦
and the nations under our feet.

4 He has chosen our heritage for us, ♦
the pride of Jacob, whom he loves.

5 God has gone up with a merry noise, ♦
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

6 O sing praises to God, sing praises; ♦
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is the King of all the earth; ♦
sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; ♦
God has taken his seat upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples are gathered together ♦
with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 For the powers of the earth belong to God ♦
and he is very highly exalted.

Psalm 104 (26-end)

26 O Lord, how manifold are your works! ◆

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

27 There is the sea, spread far and wide, ◆

and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan ◆

which you have made to play in the deep.

29 All of these look to you ◆

to give them their food in due season.

30 When you give it them, they gather it; ◆

you open your hand and they are filled with good.

31 When you hide your face they are troubled; ◆

when you take away their breath,

they die and return again to the dust.

32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ◆

and you renew the face of the earth.

33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ◆

may the Lord rejoice in his works;

34 He looks on the earth and it trembles; ◆

he touches the mountains and they smoke.

35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; ◆

I will make music to my God while I have my being.

36 So shall my song please him ◆

while I rejoice in the Lord.

37 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth

and the wicked be no more. ◆

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Alleluia.

At the end of the psalmody, the following is said or sung

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

A lesson is read

6 April	Acts 2:36-41	Easter Anthems
13 April	Acts 4:32-37	Easter Anthems
20 April	Acts 7:51 – 8:1a	Easter Anthems
27 April	Acts 11:19-26	Easter Anthems
4 May	Acts 14:19-28	Easter Anthems
11 May	Acts 16:22-34	Easter Anthems
18 May	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47
25 May	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104

A period of silence to meditate on the 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.

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

All

Easter

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Ascension (18 May)

Christ was believed in throughout the world and taken up in glory. Alleluia.

Pentecost (25 May)

The Spirit of the Father, who raised Christ Jesus from the dead, gives life to the people of God. Alleluia.

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

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Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

The Collect

Silence may be kept.

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray,
and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,
for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said.

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

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 Blessing

Easter

May the risen Lord Jesus
bless us, may he watch
over us and renew us as
he renews the whole of
creation.

Ascension (18 May)

May Christ our ascended
King, pour upon us the
abundance of his gifts
and bring us to reign
with him in glory.

Pentecost (25 May)

May the Holy Spirit of
God bless and
sanctify us so that we
may be consecrated
in the truth.

All Amen.

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