

All Saints Church, Helmsley.



An Order for Night Prayer Epiphany to Lent

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.

The following hymn may be 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

Psalmody

One or more of the following psalms may be used.

Psalm 6 (11 Mar, 18 Mar, 25 Mar, 1 Apr)

- 1 O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation : neither chasten me in thy displeasure.
- 2 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak : O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.
- 3 My soul also is sore troubled : but, Lord, how long wilt thou punish me?
- 4 Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul : O save me for thy mercy's sake.
- 5 For in death no man remembereth thee : and who will give thee thanks in the pit?

6 I am weary of my groaning; every night wash I my bed : and water my couch with my tears.

7 My beauty is gone for very trouble : and worn away because of all mine enemies.

8 Away from me, all ye that work vanity : for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The Lord hath heard my petition : the Lord will receive my prayer.

10 All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore vexed : they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

Psalm 98 (7 Jan, 14 Jan, 21 Jan, 28 Jan)

1 O SING unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things.

2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm : hath he gotten himself the victory.

3 The Lord declared his salvation : his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel : and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

5 Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands : sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

6 Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

7 With trumpets also and shawms : O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is: the round world, and they that dwell therein.

9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord : for he is come to judge the earth.

10 With righteousness shall he judge the world : and the people with equity.

Psalm 122 (4 Feb)

- 1 I WAS glad when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the Lord.
- 2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.
- 4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel,
to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there is the seat of judgement : even the seat of the house of David.
- 6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.
- 7 Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.
- 9 Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.

Psalm 130 (11 Feb, 18 Feb, 25 Feb, 4 Mar)

- 1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice : let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 But there is forgiveness with you : so that you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him : in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning : more
than the night watch for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord : for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him is plenteous redemption : and he shall redeem Israel from all their
sins.

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 short lesson is read

7 January	Matthew 2:1-12
14 January	Luke 3:15-17 & 21-22
21 January	John 2:1-11
28 January	Luke 1:1-4 & 4:14-21
4 February (Candlemas)	Luke 2:22-40
11 February	Luke 5:1-11
18 February	Luke 6:17-26
25 February	Luke 8:22-25
4 March	Luke 9:28-36
11 March	Luke 4:1-13
18 March	Luke 13:31-35
25 March	Luke 13:1-9
1 April	Luke 15:1-3 & 11b-32
8 April (Passiontide)	Stations of the Cross
15 April (Holy Week)	Stations of the Cross

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 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

Silence may be kept.

Visit our homes, O Lord, we pray,
and drive far from them 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.

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.

May the Lord bless you and watch over you;

May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

And may the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace.

All Amen.