

## A Simple Order for Compline

### Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.  
**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who made heaven and earth.**

*We are quiet for a moment while we think about our day.*

**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.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**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. Alleluia.**

*We sing*

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  
Psalm 134

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, •  
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.

**Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary •  
and bless the Lord.**

The Lord who made heaven and earth •  
give you blessing out of Zion.

**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.**

Bible Reading  
John 7.37-39a

A reading from the Gospel of John:  
Jesus cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the  
one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said: Out of the  
believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'  
Now Jesus said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were  
to receive.

## Prayer

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

**Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

## Gospel Canticle- The Nunc Dimittis

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: •  
your word has been fulfilled.

**My own eyes have seen the salvation •  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;**

A light to reveal you to the nations •  
and the glory of your people Israel.

**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.**

## Prayer

Let's pray together for the coming of the Spirit.

We keep silence together to pray, and the service leader suggests areas for prayer during the silence.

## The Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come

Almighty God,  
your ascended Son has sent us into the world  
to preach the good news of your kingdom:  
inspire us with your Spirit  
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,  
that all who hear your Word  
may be drawn to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## 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.

**Amen.**

## We say the 'Our Father' together

## The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
**for the night is at hand and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning,  
**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.

**Amen.**

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