

## **An Order for Night Prayer (Compline)**

### **Preparation**

*A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow. You may wish to light a candle.*

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.**

*The following or other suitable hymn may be sung.*

**Be still and know that I am God,  
Be still and know that I am God,  
Be still and know that I am God.**

**I am the Lord that healeth thee,  
I am the Lord that healeth thee,  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.**

**In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,  
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,  
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,**

### **The Word of God**

Psalmody  
Psalm 104 vv 1-18

*Refrain: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul. ♦  
O Lord my God, how excellent is your  
greatness!

You appointed the moon to mark the  
seasons, ♦  
and the sun knows the time for its setting.

You make darkness that it may be night, ♦  
in which all the beasts of the forest creep  
forth.

The lions roar for their prey ♦  
and seek their food from God.

The sun rises and they are gone ♦  
to lay themselves down in their dens.

People go forth to their work ♦  
and to their labour until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the sea, spread far and wide, ♦  
and there move creatures beyond number,  
both small and great.

There go the ships, and there is that  
Leviathan ♦  
which you have made to play in the deep.

All of these look to you ♦  
to give them their food in due season.

When you give it them, they gather it; ♦  
you open your hand and they are filled with  
good.

When you hide your face they are  
troubled; ♦  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return again to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are  
created, ♦  
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦  
may the Lord rejoice in his works;

*Refrain: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.*

*Creator God,  
send your Holy Spirit to renew this living  
world,  
that the whole creation,  
in its groaning and striving,  
may know your loving purpose  
and come to reflect your glory;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*At the end of the psalm the following is said*

**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

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

*Revelation 22.4,5*

*The following responsory may be said*

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

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

**I commend my spirit.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

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

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

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

### Gospel Canticle


*The Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon) is said or sung.*


**Alleluia. The Lord is risen, alleluia,  
as he promised to you. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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.**

**Alleluia. The Lord is risen, alleluia,  
as he promised to you. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Prayers

*The Examen prayer can be offered here or  
your own prayers if you wish. You will need to  
pause the recording.*

#### Examen Prayer – 5 Steps

1. **Recall you are in God's presence**
2. **Give thanks to God for the day's gifts**
3. **Review your day with God, searching for His presence**
4. **Express sorrow for sins and regrets**
5. **Ask for God's grace for tomorrow**

*Resume the recording when you are finished*

### The Collect

*Silence may be kept.*

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the  
gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### 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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