



## A simple order for Compline (Night Prayer)

Please join in with the words in **bold** type. We remain seated throughout.

### 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.**

A period of silent reflection is observed. You may wish to kneel.

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.**

The following hymn will be sung by the cantor:

**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.  
Amen**

## **The Word of God**

We say the Psalm slowly. The leader will say the first half of each verse up to the diamond. We all say the second half.

### **Psalm 4**

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; ♦

**you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;**

**have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**

2 How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; ♦

**how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?**

3 But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; ♦

**when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.**

4 Stand in awe, and sin not; ♦

**commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.**

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness ♦

**and put your trust in the Lord.**

6 There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?' ♦

**Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.**

7 You have put gladness in my heart, ♦

**more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.**

8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, ♦

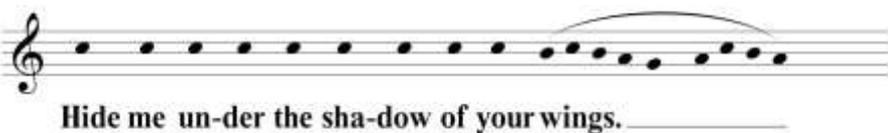
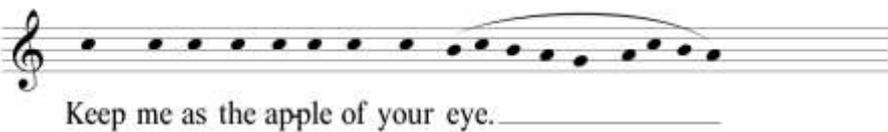
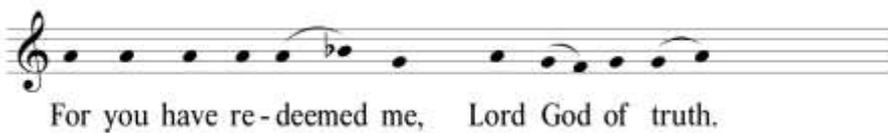
**for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.**

**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

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us and we are called by your name;  
leave us not, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14.9*

A short silence is kept. The following response is led by the minister and cantor.



## **The Cantic the Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)**

We say the cantic slowly. The leader will say the first half of each verse up to the diamond. We all say the second half.

**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.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; SEP  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**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 of Intercession**

The minister leads prayers of intercession followed by:

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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
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.**