

AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE

A LATE EVENING SERVICE.

¶ *All standing up, the Minister shall say,*

THE Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. *Amen.*

BRETHREN, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour : Whom resist, steadfast in the faith. 1 *St. Peter* 5. 8, 9.

V. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us;
R. Thanks be to God.

Minister. O God, make speed to save us;

Answer. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Minister. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord;

Answer. The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung one the following Psalms, preceded and concluded with the antiphon:*

Monday: Ps 4; Tuesday: Ps 31. 1-6; Wednesday: Ps 134.

Have mercy upon me O God, and hearken unto my prayer.

¶ *Then shall be read one of the following short Lessons, or some other passage of Holy Scripture at the discretion of the Minister*

THOU, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name. Leave us not, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah* 14. 9.

Or,

COME unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *St. Matthew* 11. 28-30.

Or,

NOW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the Everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. *Hebrews* 13. 20, 21.

R. Thanks be to God.

¶ *Then may be said the following Respond.*

Minister. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

People. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

Minister. For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

People. I commend my spirit.

Minister. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

People. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

¶ *Here may follow this or some other hymn.*

Te lucis ante terminum.

BEFORE the ending of the day,
Creator of the world we pray,
That with thy wonted favour thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

V. Keep me as the apple of an eye;

R. Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

¶ *Then shall follow the Canticle Nunc Dimittis together with the Anthem, which is to be said or sung in full before the Canticle, and again after the Gloria Patri.*

Anthem. Preserve us, O Lord, waking, and guard us sleeping, that we may watch with Christ, and rest in peace.

NUNC DIMITTIS.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory
of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy
Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Anthem. Preserve us, O Lord, waking, and guard us sleeping, that we may watch with Christ, and rest in peace.

¶ *And after that these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

V. Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers;

R. To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

V. Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

R. Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

V. Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;

R. To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

V. The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give his blessing.

R. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister and people say together the Confession following; and afterwards the Prayer for Forgiveness.*

WE confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.

¶ *If a Priest be present, he shall stand and pronounce the following Absolution*

MAY the almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be said:*

V. Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;

R. That thy people may rejoice in thee?

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin;

R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

V. O Lord, hear our prayer;

R. And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall be said one or more of the following Collects*

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy; let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and may thy blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

LORD Jesus Christ, son of the living God, who at this evening hour didst rest in the sepulchre, and didst thereby sanctify the grave to be a bed of hope to thy people; Make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins, which were the cause of thy passion, that when our bodies lie in the dust, our souls may live with thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. *Amen.*

LOOK down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BE present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V. We will lay us down in peace and take our rest;
R. For it is thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety
V. The Lord be with you;
R. And with thy spirit.
V. Let us bless the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

Here endeth the Order for Compline.