

An Order for Night Prayer (Compline) for
John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866
Led by Alison Jones

The responder on behalf of all is Sandra
Dreyer

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 silence for reflection on the
past day may follow.*

*The following or other suitable words of
penitence may be used*

Most merciful God, we confess to you, be-
fore 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.

The following or another suitable hymn
may be said or sung

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 underfoot 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.

The Word of God

Psalmody - One or more of the following
psalms may be used.

Psalm 4

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my
righteousness; ♦
**you set me at liberty when I was in trou-
ble; 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.**

Psalm 91

1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the
Most High ♦
**and abides under the shadow of the Al-
mighty,**

2 Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and
my stronghold, ♦
my God, in whom I put my trust.'

3 For he shall deliver you from the snare
of the fowler ♦
and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his wings and
you shall be safe under his feathers; ♦
**his faithfulness shall be your shield and
buckler.**

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by
night, ♦

nor of the arrow that flies by day;

**6 Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, ♦
nor of the sickness that destroys at noon-day.**

**7 Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, ♦
yet it shall not come near you.**

**8 Your eyes have only to behold ♦
to see the reward of the wicked.**

**9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge ♦
and the Most High your stronghold,**

**10 There shall no evil happen to you, ♦
neither shall any plague come near your tent.**

**11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, ♦
to keep you in all your ways.**

**12 They shall bear you in their hands, ♦
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

**13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; ♦
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.**

**14 Because they have set their love upon me, therefore will I deliver them; ♦
I will lift them up, because they know my name.**

**15 They will call upon me and I will answer them; ♦
I am with them in trouble, I will deliver them and bring them to honour.**

**16 With long life will I satisfy them ♦
and show them my salvation.**

Psalm 134

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

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

**3 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.

Scripture Reading - Matthew 11:25-27 read by Fr. Rodney

25 At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. 26 Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

27 "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Reflection

The following responsory may be said
**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
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**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.**

**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 Cantic

The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said or sung
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

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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 led by Robin Crowther

Jesus has promised to reveal himself, not to the clever, but to those who are humble.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us

May we be humble before the Lord so that we may be able to receive the wisdom of the Spirit.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us

May Moses' experience of the presence of God in the burning bush teach us of the awesome presence of God in our world.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us

May we honour this world of ours, sacred to us all, for it is part of God's creation.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us

May the dedication of all who serve sick continue to be our inspiration: family members, nurses and doctors, especially during this pandemic.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us

We pray for all secondary school pupils and teachers that are currently experiencing high rates of Coronavirus in their communities. May they continue to support

and care for one another through on-going home learning and self-isolation.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us

We pray for all pupils in years 6, 11 and 13 as they embark on a new phase of learning and self-discovery. May all their adventures bring enlightenment, happiness, and joy for the future.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us

We pray for those who died in the faith and fear of Christ

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us

Lord God, be with us through these on-going challenging days. We place all our trust and faith in you Almighty Father, forever and ever. Amen.

For people of our nation

Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you. In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster. Do it again, we pray. Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders, Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers. Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all who grieve. Lord Jesus Christ, in these challenging and fearful days, turn your face towards us, have mercy upon us, and heal our land, we pray. Amen.

We keep a moment of silence.....

The Collect

Father of the eternal Word, in whose encompassing love all things in peace and order move: grant that, as your servant John Keble adored you in all creation, so we may have a humble heart of love for the mysteries of your Church and know your love to be new every morning, in Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Silence may be kept.

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

Come with the dawning of the day
And make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.

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.**