

An Order for Night Prayer (Compline) -
led by Wendy Curto
The responder on behalf of all is Jill Fitzpatrick

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, 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.

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 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.**

Psalm 91

1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the
Most High ♦
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,

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 ad-
der; ♦
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 an-
swer 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 sanctu-
ary ♦**

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 15:29-37 read by Fr. Rodney

At that time:

**Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee,
went up on the mountain, and sat down
there.**

**Great crowds came to him,
having with them the lame, the blind, the
deformed, the mute,
and many others.**

**They placed them at his feet, and he cured
them.**

**The crowds were amazed when they saw
the mute speaking,
the deformed made whole,
the lame walking,
and the blind able to see,
and they glorified the God of Israel.**

**Jesus summoned his disciples and said,
“My heart is moved with pity for the crowd,
for they have been with me now for three
days**

and have nothing to eat.

**I do not want to send them away hungry,
for fear they may collapse on the way.”**

The disciples said to him,

**“Where could we ever get enough bread in
this deserted place**

to satisfy such a crowd?”

**Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do
you have?”**

“Seven,” they replied, “and a few fish.”

**He ordered the crowd to sit down on the
ground.**

**Then he took the seven loaves and the fish,
gave thanks, broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples, who in turn
gave them to the crowds.**

They all ate and were satisfied.

**They picked up the fragments left over—
seven baskets full.**

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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

Lord God, as today we continue our journey through Advent to the birth of your Son, the light of our world, we pray that you will help us to grow in our love for you and for each other.

Lord hear us....[Lord graciously hear us](#)

In our longing to see you, we pray for all religious leaders. May their service light up the hearts and minds of the people who sometimes find it easier to see the darkness than to recognise the hope that you offer.

Lord hear us....[Lord graciously hear us](#)

In our longing to see you, we pray for governments, scientists and health care workers as Covid and the latest variant continues to cause concern. May they act with wisdom, sensitivity and compassion to protect the lives of those who are vulnerable and afraid.

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In our longing to see you, we pray for refugees and migrants who are escaping from violence, bloodshed and poverty. Grant eternal life to all those who have died in their search for security and a new home. We especially remember the men, women and children who died in the Channel last week.

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In our longing to see you, we pray for rough sleepers and all those who face homelessness and hunger as winter draws in. May they find the shelter, hope and support that they need to escape loneliness and hardship

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In our longing to see you, we pray for ourselves as we start our Advent journey towards Christmas. May our loving Lord be our light, our hope, our love, our beginning and our end. May we support each other as we travel towards Bethlehem.

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Loving God, light and hope of our world, be with us in all that we say, think and do. Almighty Father and Holy Spirit, fill our hearts as we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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We pray for those recently departed: Brian Fitzpatrick, Joan Doreen Thirkell

We pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur this month:

Michael Roger Fisher-Barham, David Colvin, Alice Mary Bennett, Diana Jones, Leslie Richardson, Hebert Fautly, Elizabeth Jones, George Longley, Millicent Butler, Lilian Guest, Sarah May Scrivener, Mark Ryan, Sylvia Doreen Gould, Audrey May Fautly, Irene Nora Reed
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We keep a moment of silence.....

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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.](#)