

**An Order for Night Prayer (Compline) --
led by Sylvia Williams**

The responder on behalf of all is Fr. Rodney

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 - Luke 2:22-40 read by Sandra Dreyer

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him;

and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,
"Behold, this child is destined
for the fall and rise of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be contradicted
Band you yourself a sword will pierceB
so that the thoughts of many hearts may be
revealed."

There was also a prophetess, Anna,
the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of
Asher.

She was advanced in years,
having lived seven years with her husband
after her marriage,
and then as a widow until she was eighty-
four.

She never left the temple,
but worshipped night and day with fasting
and prayer.

And coming forward at that very time,
she gave thanks to God and spoke about
the child
to all who were awaiting the redemption of
Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescrip-
tions
of the law of the Lord,
they returned to Galilee, to their own town
of Nazareth.
The child grew and became strong, filled
with wisdom;
and the favour of God was upon him.

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.
[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.](#)

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

[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. 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, the Joy of Simeon and Anna who
know Your arrival is a cataclysmic event!
Keep us always surprised and joyful at
your sudden arrivals in our hearts and
minds and let our lives radiate the exhilara-
tion of being in Your Presence.
Lord hear us....[Lord graciously hear us](#)

Jesus, Joy of Simeon and Anna, we pre-
sent ourselves to you as pilgrims on Your
Way. Refine and purify our hearts and
souls so that we may find favour as servant
messengers of Your Covenant.
Lord hear us....[Lord graciously hear us](#)

Jesus, Joy of Simeon and Anna, attend to
those who present themselves in the
world's temples of government. Fill their
hearts with Your wisdom, justice, and
mercy and divert them from paths of greed
and inhumanity.
Lord hear us....[Lord graciously hear us](#)

Jesus, Joy of Simeon and Anna, we ask Your Healing for all who are seriously ill, frightened, or exhausted, and for those who tend to their needs. We pray for those suffering from Covid19 Care for them as sparrows nesting by Your altar and give their wings renewed flight in hope.

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

Jesus, Joy of Simeon and Anna, Grant continuous discernment, wisdom, and prophetic understanding to those who guide Your Church and those who worship within it. May the Spirit Most High keep us all merciful and faithful servants of Your Word and Sacraments.

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

Lord God of Sun and Shield, we, the humble hosts in Your Creation, rejoice with Simeon and Anna, Mary and Joseph, and prepare ourselves for the many risings and fallings yet to come in our own lives. We re-dedicate ourselves to You on this day and ask Your blessings for strength, integrity, and faithfulness through Jesus the Christ and the Holy Spirit who live and reign with You as one God, now and for eternity

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

Jesus, Joy of Simeon and Anna, open our eyes to Your Place of Springs in the desert of sorrow, as the ones whose loss we mourn are set free in peace to a new life in the fullness of Your Salvation and Glory. We pray especially for:

We pray for those recently departed: Michael Hagger

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

William Crouch, Michael French, Charles Bladon, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Jane Coleman, Michael Buss, Albert Collins, Victor Botha, Joan Maskell, Brian Kingcome, Martin Chubb, Desna Harries, Christobel Van der Hoeven, Leslie Corfield, Marjorie Addyman, Norman Sheldon, Christian Solari.

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

We pray for a moment for our own personal petitions as we present ourselves to the Lord afresh..Jesus, help us to encounter you in your word and sacraments, just as

Simeon and Anna encountered you in the temple. Fill us with your energy and vitality to serve and glorify you as they did.

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

The Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.**

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.**