

May 4, 2021 ~ An Order for Night Prayer (Compline)
Common Worship, The Church of England

Officiant The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

People **Amen.**

Officiant Our help is in the name of the Lord

People **who made heaven and earth.**

A period of silence for reflection on the past day.

**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 Word of God

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 dishonor my glory;
how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?
- 3 But know that the Lord has shown me his marvelous 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 Creator 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

Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5.6,7

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.

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The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon)

**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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in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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That awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.**

Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

The Collect

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, 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,
and 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.