



Incendium Amoris

Night Prayer (Compline)



Newbury, St George & St John

The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (completorium). It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. Please prepare by lighting a candle, (if you wish), and sitting quietly.

Words of Welcome and Introduction

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.

**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.**

A suitable hymn or poem may be sung or read.

The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.'

**As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.**

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.

**The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.**

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.

**I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.**

I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

**For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

At the end of the psalmody, the following is said or sung

**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

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.
Titus 2.11

Responsory

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.

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

**Alleluia. Christ the light of the world, has manifested his glory.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: •
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation •
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

A light to reveal you to the nations •
and the glory of your people Israel.

**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. Christ the light of the world has manifested his glory.
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Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings are offered .

The Collect

Silence may be kept.

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through 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.

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.

May the living waters of Christ cleanse us,
May the Spirit descend upon us,
And the blessing of God be with us
This night and always.

Amen.

We depart in silence

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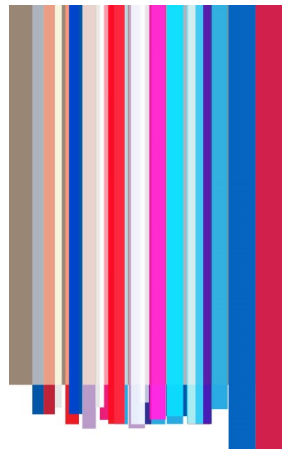
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