



A SERVICE OF COMPLINE IN LENT

The service may begin with a Gospel Reading, followed, if desired, by a short homily or reflection.

The remainder of the service continues largely unannounced.

¶ PREPARATION

We stand together and after a moment of silent preparation ...

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

All Amen.

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. Resist him. Firm in your faith. *1 Peter 5:8-9*

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Thanks be to God.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

All who hath made heaven and earth.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

All Most merciful God, we have sinned in thought, word and deed: we are truly sorry and we ask you to forgive. Help us by your Spirit to live the new life in Christ, loving you with all our heart, and our neighbours as ourselves; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and keep us in life eternal.

All Amen

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Thanks be to God

PRECES

O God, make speed to save us;

All O Lord, make hast to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

All As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen

HYMN

"BEFORE THE ENDING OF THE DAY" [CLICK TO LISTEN TO ...]

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¶ THE WORD OF GOD

PSALMODY

Read one of the following Psalms 4, 31, 91 or 134 followed by the Gloria in Excelsis Deo.

The Psalm may be read all together, or more generally it would be read antiphonally.

**All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen**

SHORT SCRIPTURE READING

*Read one of the following short verses of Scripture, followed by "Thanks be to God".
Jeremiah 14:9,22 ... Matthew 11:28-30 ... Hebrews 13:20-21 ... 1 Peter 5:8-9a*

All Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORY

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

All For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

All Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

GOSPEL CANTICLE/NUNC DIMITTIS

All Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep, we may rest in peace.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:

All Your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation

All Which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

A light to reveal you to the nations

All And the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

All Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep, we may rest in peace.

Lord, hear our prayer,

All And let our cry come to you.

Let us pray.

¶ PRAYERS

A PRAYER FOR QUIET

Grant us, O merciful god, the will to seek you, whom we desire above all, that we may find you and be found in you; may your love and wisdom guide words spoken in your name; may we find faith and hope in the still small voice which tells us of your presence; may we be one with you in Jesus our Redeemer. **Amen**

A PRAYER OF ST BENEDICT

O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you, intelligence to understand you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE COLLECT

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may rest upon your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We say together 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;

All For you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,

All For the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,

All So do we look for you, O Christ.

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**



*We leave the church quietly and in silent prayer with God's blessing;
ready to face the night ahead of us*

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