

**Preparation**

*We say together words in **bold***

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.**

O God make speed to save us.

**O Lord make haste to help us.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
**your glory is proclaimed in all the world**

**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.**

May Almighty God grant us/you forgiveness of  
all y/our sins,  
and the grace and comfort of the Holy  
Spirit. **Amen.**

*As we remember this week the Accession  
Queen Elizabeth we pray as she herself has  
done:*

Almighty God,  
by whose grace alone we are accepted  
and called to your service:  
strengthen us by your Holy Spirit  
and make us worthy of our calling;  
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.**

**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***

**Monday Psalm 15**

1.Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?  
Who may rest upon your holy hill?

2. Whoever leads an uncorrupt life  
and does the thing that is right;  
3. Who speaks the truth from the heart  
and bears no deceit on the tongue;  
4. Who does no evil to a friend  
and pours no scorn on a neighbour;  
5. In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed,

**Wednesday Psalm 101**

1. I will sing of faithfulness and justice;  
to you, O Lord, will I sing.

2. Let me be wise in the way that is perfect:  
when will you come to me?

3. I will walk with purity of heart  
within the walls of my house.

4. I will not set before my eyes  
a counsel that is evil.

5. I abhor the deeds of unfaithfulness;  
they shall not cling to me.

6. A crooked heart shall depart from me;  
I will not know a wicked person.

13. Morning by morning will I put to silence  
all the wicked in the land,

14. To cut off from the city of the Lord  
all those who practise evil.

**Friday Psalm 45**

1. My heart is astir with gracious words;  
as I make my song for the king  
my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

2. You are the fairest of men;  
full of grace are your lips,  
for God has blest you for ever.

3. Gird your sword upon your thigh, O mighty  
one; gird on your majesty and glory.

4. Ride on and prosper in the cause of truth  
and for the sake of humility and  
righteousness.

5. Your right hand will teach you terrible things;  
your arrows will be sharp in the heart of the  
king's enemies, so that peoples fall beneath  
you.

6. Your throne is God's throne, for ever;  
the sceptre of your kingdom is the sceptre of  
righteousness

*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.**

## **Readings from Scripture**

**Monday** And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. *Mk 15:17-19*

**Wednesday** But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many *Matthew 20:25-26,28*

**Friday** You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. *John 13:13-15*

## **Reflection on the readings**

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 wing.**

*Nunc Dimittis (Song of Songs)*

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

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.

*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 Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.*

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all who are in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour and glory of your name and the good of your Church and people; 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.**

Look down, O God, from your heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with your celestial brightness, and from the children of light banish the deeds of darkness.  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

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.**

*Prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer*  
as our Saviour has taught us so we pray  
**Our Father.... 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 blessings of God be with us this night and always. **Amen.**

## YOUR THOUGHTS PLEASE.

Preparation of these words for the week of 7 February was rather hurried and so this order of service is not in the usual format.

To be honest we do not know if people are using these documents for Compline or just watching the videos. Please do let us know your comments on what we have made available in the past, or for this week or the future.

If there are no comments it will seriously indicate that nobody is using the orders of service in using Compline. Preparing the orders of service is a time consuming thing to do and if we are wasting our time it will be good to know.

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