

Order for Compline 13 to 17 December 2021

Preparation

The Blessing of the Light

Look towards the East, O Jerusalem

All and see the glory that is coming from God.

We light the Candle

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart (1 Cor. 4-5)

Come God.

Come walk with your people
for you alone are our strength and glory

All and we put our trust in you.

Come God.

Come walk behind us, beside us, before us
for you alone are our strength and glory

All and we put our trust in you.

Come God.

Come seek and find us and put us right
for you alone are the light in our darkness

All and we put our trust in you.

Come God.

We know you are near
the sound of your footsteps sets us dancing

All help us to praise and worship you.

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

All Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

All who made heaven and earth.

Holy God, we confess to you

before the company of the faithful
in heaven and on earth,

that we have sinned against you,

against one another and against your creation.

Forgive us in your mercy and help us to forgive each other
and to hold in reverence all that you have made.

All Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

All 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 – 146.1-4

1 Praise the Lord! ◆

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live; ◆

will sing praises to my God all my life long.

3 Do not put your trust in princes, ◆

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth; ◆

on that very day their plans perish.

Wednesday – 146.5-7a

5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, ◆

whose hope is in the Lord their God,

6 who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them; ◆

who keeps faith for ever;

7 who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry:

Friday – Psalm 146.7b-10

7b The Lord sets the prisoners free; ◆

8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; ◆

the Lord loves the righteous.

9 The Lord watches over the strangers;

he upholds the orphan and the widow, ◆

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

10 The Lord will reign for ever, ◆

your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

All **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.**

Monday – Luke 3:7

John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Wednesday – Isaiah 12:2

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

Friday – Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Reflections on the readings

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

All **Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**
For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

All **I commend my spirit.**
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

All **Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**
Keep me as the apple of your eye.

All **Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

Gospel Canticle

All **Come, O Lord, and visit us in peace;
let us rejoice before you with a pure heart**

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*

All **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.**

All **Come, O Lord, and visit us in peace;
let us rejoice before you with a pure heart**

Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

The Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Come, O Spirit of God,
and make within us your dwelling place and home.
May our darkness be dispelled by your light,
and our troubles calmed by your peace;
may all evil be redeemed by your love,
all pain transformed through the suffering of Christ,
and all dying glorified in his risen life.

All **Amen.**

Stir up your power,
O God, and come among us.
Heal our wounds,
calm our fears and give us peace;
through Jesus our Redeemer.

All **Amen.**

Awaiting his coming in glory,
As our Saviour taught us, we are bold to say

All **Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for 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.**

Restore us again, O God of hosts.

Show us the light of your countenance

and we shall be saved.

Bless and keep us this night and always.

May the power of the Redeemer

keep us watchful and faithful,

as we await his coming in glory;

and may the blessing of God almighty,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

be upon you and remain with you this night and always.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**