

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Luke 2. 29-32*)

Antiphon **Preserve us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace**

**Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace*
according to thy word.**

**For mine eyes have seen thy salvation*
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles*
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**

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

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PRAYERS *Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.*

THE BLESSING

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.

May God bless us,
that in us may be found love and humility,
obedience and thanksgiving,
discipline, gentleness and peace. **Amen.**

COMPLINE (Night Prayer)

Please join in with the parts in bold text. If on your own say all the words.

PREPARATION

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.

**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.

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and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be world without end. **Amen**

HYMN

**Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you with steadfast love would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep**

**From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.**

**O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death. Amen.**

PSALM 91

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,*
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

**He shall say to the Lord,
'You are my refuge and my stronghold,*
my God in whom I put my trust.'**

He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter*
and from the deadly pestilence.

**He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings;*
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,*
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

**Of the plague that stalks in the darkness,*
nor of the sickness that lays waste at midday.**

A thousand shall fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand,*
but it shall not come near you.

**Your eyes have only to behold*
to see the reward of the wicked.**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,*
and the Most High your habitation.

**There shall no evil happen to you,*
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

For he shall give his angels charge over you,*
to keep you in all your ways.

**They shall bear you in their hands,*
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

You shall tread upon the lion and adder,*
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent
under your feet.

**Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him;*
I will protect him, because he knows my name.**

He shall call upon me and I will answer him;*
I am with him in trouble,
I will rescue him and bring him to honour.

**With long life will I satisfy him,*
and show him my salvation.**

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

PSALM 134

Behold now, bless the Lord,
all you servants of the Lord,*
you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.

**Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord;*
the Lord who made heaven and earth
bless you out of Zion.**

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

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 5:8-9

Be sober be vigilant, because your adversary the devil is prowling round
like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him strong in faith

THE 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 be 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.