

**Welcome to
St Andrew's Church**

**An Order for
Night Prayer
(Compline)**

For use during Lent

*The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (completorium); it is a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. Parts of the service are said, others sung; please say or sing the words in **bold** type. Please sit or stand as you feel comfortable.*

Preparation

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

Amen.

Brethren, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

1 Peter 5.8,9

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to God.

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who hath made heaven and earth.

**We confess to God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
through our own grievous fault.
Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.
Almighty God, have mercy upon us,
forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and bring us to life everlasting;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant unto *us* pardon and remission of all *our* sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.**

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Hymn

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world we pray,
That with thy wonted favour thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread underfoot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

Psalmody *Psalm 139 vv1-18*

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 **You mark out my journeys and my resting place:**
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue:
 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 **You encompass me behind and before:**
 and lay your hand upon me.

- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot attain it.
- 6 **Where can I go then from your spirit?:
Or where can I flee from your presence?**
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there:
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 **If I take the wings of the morning:
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
- 9 Even there your hand shall lead me:
your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 **If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me:
and the light around me turn to night,'**
- 11 Even darkness is no darkness with you;
the night is as clear as the day:
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 12 **For you yourself created my inmost parts:
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**
- 13 I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.
- 14 **My frame was not hidden from you:
when I was made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.**
- 15 Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished:
already in your book were all my members written,
- 16 **As day by day they were fashioned:
when as yet there was none of them.**

17 How deep are your counsels to me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

18 **If I count them, they are more in number than the sand:
and at the end, I am still in your presence.**

**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.**

Scripture Reading

I will pour out a spirit of compassion and supplication on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that, when they look on the one whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

Zechariah 12.10

Thanks be to God.

Responsary

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

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For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

I commend my spirit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

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

Keep me as the apple of an eye.

Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

**Preserve 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, 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 the people Israel.**

**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.**

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

Prayers

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers:
to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost:
let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:
to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

The almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing.
Amen.

Almighty God,
as we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son,
help us to see and know your love for us,
so that in humility, love and joy
we may place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen,**

Conclusion

The Lord be with you:
And with thy spirit

Let us bless the Lord:
Thanks be to God

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

