



## Compline & Benediction St Andrew's Shrivenham

### 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.**

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

**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 you pardon and remission of all your 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.

### The Word of God

#### Psalmody

*The appointed psalm is said or sung*

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

*One of the readings appointed for the day is given*

#### Responsory

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

#### Gospel Canticle - Nunc Dimittis

*May be said or sung*

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.

*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.

#### 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.**

### **+Benediction+**

Now, my tongue, the mystery telling  
of the glorious body sing,  
and the blood, all price excelling,  
which the Gentiles' Lord and King,  
in a virgin's womb once dwelling,  
shed for this world's ransoming.

Given for us, for us descending  
of a virgin to proceed,  
he, with us in converse blending,  
scattered here the Gospel seed,  
till his sojourn drew to ending  
which he closed with wondrous deed.

At the last great supper lying,  
circled by his chosen band,  
meekly, with the law complying,  
first he finished its command.  
Then, immortal food supplying,  
gave himself with his own hand.

Word-made-flesh, by word he maketh  
very bread his flesh to be;  
we in wine Christ's blood; partaketh  
and if senses fail to see:  
faith alone, the true heart waketh,  
to behold the mystery.

Therefore we, before him bending,  
this great sacrament revere:  
types and shadows have their ending,  
for the newer rite is here;  
faith, our outward sense befriending,  
makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
honour, might, and praise addressing,  
while eternal ages run;  
ever too his love confessing,  
who, from both, with both is One. Amen

**A lead meditation followed by silence**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world  
**have mercy on us.**

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world  
**grant us peace.**

Thou gavest them Bread from heaven  
**Containing in itself all sweetness**

### **The Collect of the Day The Benediction is given The Divine Praises**

#### **Hymn**

Blessed be God.  
Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity.  
Blessed be God the Father, maker of heaven and earth.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ, truly divine and truly human.  
Blessed be the holy Name of Jesus.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ on his throne of glory.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of his body  
and blood  
Blessed be God the Holy Spirit, the giver and sustainer  
of life,  
Blessed be God in the Virgin Mary, Mother of our  
Lord and God.  
Blessed be God in the angels and saints.  
Blessed be God.

#### **Hymn**

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
The darkness falls at thy behest;  
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,  
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy church, unsleeping,  
While earth rolls onward into light,  
Through all the world her watch is keeping,  
And rests not now by day or night.

As over each continent and island  
The dawn leads on another day,  
The voice of prayer is never silent,  
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking  
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
And hour by hour fresh lips are making  
thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord, thy throne shall never,  
like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
thy kingdom stands and grows for ever'  
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

The Lord be with you **And with thy spirit**

Let us bless the Lord **Thanks be to God**