



Advent Night Prayer (Compline)

Thursday 4th December, 9pm, on Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 862 2028 0476 Passcode: Advent

Please keep your mute button on. We will begin & end in silence.

Preparation

You might like to light a candle as you prepare to pray.

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.

A period of silence to reflect on the past day.

The following words of penitence are used:

**All 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.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

We listen to the hymn, "Before the Ending of the Day"

The Word of God - Psalm 143

1 Hear my prayer, O Lord,
and in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications;
answer me in your righteousness.

2 Enter not into judgement with your servant,



for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

3 For the enemy has pursued me,
crushing my life to the ground,
making me sit in darkness like those long dead.

4 My spirit faints within me;
my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds;
I consider the works of your hands.

6 I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul gasps for you like a thirsty land.

7 O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me;
hide not your face from me
lest I be like those who go down to the Pit.

8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,
for in you I put my trust;
show me the way I should walk in,
for I lift up my soul to you.

9 Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies,
for I flee to you for refuge.

10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;
let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.

11 Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake;
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

12 In your faithfulness, slay my enemies,
and destroy all the adversaries of my soul,
for truly I am your servant.

Scripture Reading:

Keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.

Mark 13.35-end

The following responsory is said

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.

The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said
All Come, O Lord, and visit us in peace;
that we may rejoice before you with a perfect 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 Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.

Silent prayer: thanksgiving & intercessions.

The Collect
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.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
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.
All Amen.
