

## An Order for Night Prayer Compline Tuesday, 12th January 2021

### *Preparation*

**Reader 1.** The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

**Reader 2. Amen.**

**Reader 1.** O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Reader 2. 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. Alleluia.**

### **R1. Opening Verse of Scripture Hebrews 2; 9-12**

but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

This is the word of the Lord, **R2. Thanks be to God**

**R1.** But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**R2. Thanks be to God.**

**R1.** Our help is in the name of the Lord

**R2. Who hath made heaven and earth.**

**R1. 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.**

**R2.** 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.**

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**R1.** We pray to 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.**

**R1.** O God, make speed to save us.

**R2. O Lord, make haste to help us**

**R2. 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.**

**R1.** Praise ye the Lord.

**R2. The Lord's name be praised.**

### **R1. Said 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**

#### **R2. Psalm 8**

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world #:  
thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of very babes and suckling's hast thou ordained strength,  
because of thine enemies #  
that thou mightiest still the enemy and the avenger.

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For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers#  
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.

What is man, that thou art mindful of him #  
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Thou madest him lower than the angels #  
to crown him with glory and worship.

Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands #  
and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;

All sheep and oxen #  
yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea#  
and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

O Lord our Governor #  
how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

**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:**

**R1.** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Mark*.  
**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Mark 1 21-28 The Man with an Unclean Spirit**

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”<sup>28</sup> At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All Praise to you, O Christ.**

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### *Let us Pray*

**R1.** Lord, when darkness surrounds us:

**R2. keep our eyes fixed on you.**

**R1.** When the darkness threatens to overwhelm us:

**R2. keep our eyes on the path you have set for us.**

**R1.** When darkness makes us afraid:

**R2. keep our ears alert for your voice.**

**R1.** When darkness is all around:

**R2. keep us faithful to Christ, the promised light of the world.**

**R1.** Lighten our darkness we beseech thee, O Lord,  
and by thy great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of your only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**R1.** Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**R2. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

**R1.** For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

**R2. I commend my spirit.**

**R1.** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

**R2. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

**R1.** Keep me as the apple of an eye.

**R2. Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.**

**R1.** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**R2. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**R1.** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**R1.**

### **Prayer during this time of the Covid Virus**

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lord in your Mercy

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**hear our prayer.**

**R2.** Lord Jesus Christ,  
you taught us to love our neighbour,  
and to care for those in need  
as if we were caring for you.  
In this time of anxiety, give us strength  
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,  
and to assure the isolated  
of our love, and your love,  
for your name's sake.  
Lord in your Mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

**R1. For hospital staff and medical researchers**  
Gracious God,  
give skill, sympathy and resilience  
to all who are caring for the sick,  
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure and planning the vaccine roll out.  
Strengthen them with your Spirit,  
that through their work many will be restored to health;  
Lord in your Mercy  
**hear our prayer**

**R2. For Those who are self isolated.**  
O God,  
help us to trust you,  
help us to know that you are with us,  
help us to believe that nothing can separate us from your love  
Lord in your Mercy  
**hear our prayer Amen**

**R1, For those who are ill**  
Merciful God,  
we entrust to your tender care  
those who are ill or in pain,  
knowing that whenever danger threatens  
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.  
Comfort and heal them,  
and restore them to health and strength;  
Lord in your Mercy

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**hear our prayer Amen.**

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**R2.** Be present, O merciful God,  
and protect us through the silent hours of this night,  
so that we who are wearied  
by the changes and chances of this fleeting world,  
may repose upon thy eternal changelessness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
All **Amen.**

**R1.** We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.  
Merciful Father, accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
as we say the prayer you taught us.....

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done  
on 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;  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING.**

**R1.** Visit our house, we pray to you, Lord:  
drive far away from it all the snares of the enemy.  
May your holy angels stay and guard us in peace,  
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.**

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**Good Nights**

**All. *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.***