



COMPLINE FROM THE CRYPT

Lent 2021

The Order of Service

This order of service includes texts for all weekday Compline services.

An Introit

One of these introits is sung.

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly,
Day by day.

MUSIC: Martin How (b. 1931)

TEXT: St. Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

ANTIPHON: *Attende Domine, et miserere: quia peccavimus tibi.* [Hear us, O mighty Lord, show us Thy mercy: Sinners we stand before Thee.]
VERSE: *Ad te Rex summe, omnium Redemptor, oculos nostros sublevamus flentes: exaudi, Christe, supplicantum preces.* [To Thee, Redeemer, on Thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes to holy pleadings: Listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.] ANT.

MUSIC: Plainsong Mode 5, arr. Christoph Dailitz (b. 1967)

TEXT: *Attende Domine*, 10th c. Mozarabic,
trans. W.J. Birkbeck (1859-1916)

All praise to thee, my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light:
Keep me, O keep me, King of Kings, beneath thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the ill that I this day have done;
That with the world, my self, and thee I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

O may my soul on thee repose, and with sweet sleep thine eyelids close;
Sleep that shall one more vigorous make to serve my God when I awake.

MUSIC: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

TEXT: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

To you before the close of day,
Creator of all things we pray
That in your constant clemency
Our guard and keeper you would be.

Save us from troubled, restless sleep,
From all ill dreams your children keep:
So calm our minds that fears may cease
And rested bodies wake in peace.

A healthy life we ask of you,
The fire of love in us renew,
And when the dawn new light will bring
Your praise and glory we shall sing.

MUSIC: Plainsong, Mode 8, *Antiphonale Sarisburiense*
TEXT: *Te lucis ante terminum*, 6th c. Latin

Abide with thee, fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord abide with me.

MUSIC: W.H. Monk (1823-1889)
arr. Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)
TEXT: Henry F. Lyte (1793-1847)

*O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptory saeculi,
Dignare clemens supplicum
Laudes preces que sumere.*

[O light from which the Light has birth,
Jesus, Redeemer of the earth,
Thy faithful flock vouchsafe to spare,
Hear our gift of praise and prayer.]

*Qui carne quondam contegi,
Dignatus prop perditis
Nos membra confer offici
Tui beata corporis.*

Thou, who for our salvation's sake
Thyself hast deigned pure flesh to take,
O make us members true and sure
Of that Thy Holy Body pure.

MUSIC: Michael Sitton (b. 1958)
TEXT: Office Hymn, 10th c. Latin

The Opening Sentences and Confession

The Officiant begins

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. *Amen.*

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People The maker of heaven and earth.

The Officiant then says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Officiant and People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you, through our own fault,

In thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

Officiant

May the almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

The Psalm

A cantor sings one of the following psalms.

Cum invocarum

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.
“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”
Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
Tremble, then, and do no sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.
Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!”
lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
Lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.
Glory to the Father...

Psalm 4

In te, Domine, speravi

In you, O Lord have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
Incline your ear to me;
make hast to deliver me.
Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold.
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.
Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
Glory to the Father...

Psalm 31:1-5

Benedixisti Domine

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and in those who turn their hearts to him.
Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.
Glory to the Father...

Psalm 85:8-13

Qui habitat

He who dwells in the shadow of the Most High,
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
He shall say to the Lord, "You are my rock 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 by midday.
There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near you dwelling.
For he shall give his angels charge over you,
lest you dash you foot against a stone.
Glory to the Father...

Psalm 91:1-6, 10-11

Levavi oculos

I will lift up my eyes to the hills,
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved,
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.
Glory to the Father...

Psalm 121

Ecce nunc

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 to Father...

Psalm 134

A Lesson

The Officiant reads one of the following passages of Scripture.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah. Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called by your Name. Do not forsake us, O Lord our God.

Jeremiah 14:9, 22

Officiant Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

Officiant Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Hebrews 13:20-21

Officiant Thanks be to God.

A reading from the First Letter of Peter. Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith.

I Peter 5:8-9

Officiant Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. ...By the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord... For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

II Corinthians 4:2b, 5-6

Officiant Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Gospel according to John. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:9-12

Officiant Thanks be to God.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians. For this reason I bow my knees to the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:14-19

Officiant Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke. My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call be blessed.

Luke 1:46-47

Officiant Thanks be to God

The Responsory and Evening Collect

Cantor Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
People For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of Truth.
Cantor Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
People Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Cantor Lord, have mercy.
People Christ, have mercy.
Cantor Lord, have mercy.

Cantor and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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 those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us evil. Amen.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;
People And let our cry come to you.
Officiant Let us pray.

The Cantor then sings the Evening Collect.

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen*

A period of silence follows.

*This Cantor sings this antiphon. A setting of the canticle *Nunc dimittis* follows.*

Antiphon

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

Nunc dimittis

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 Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.

MUSIC: Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)
TEXT: Luke 2:29-32

Nunc dimittis

Nunc dimittis servum tuum Domine, secundum verbum tuum in pace.

*Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum.
Quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum.*

Lumen ad revelationem gentium et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

*Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:
Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper, et in saecula saeculorum.
Amen.*

MUSIC: Christoph Dalitz (b. 1967)
TEXT: Luke 2:29-32

Nunc dimittis

Lord, you now have set your servant free*
to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,*
whom you have prepared for all the world to see;

A Light to enlighten the nations,*
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

MUSIC: *Plainsong*
TEXT: Luke 2:29-32

Nunc dimittis

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to go in peace as you have promised;

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

MUSIC: *Audi, benigne Conditor*
TEXT: Luke 2:29-32

The Cantor repeats the Antiphon.

Antiphon

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

An Anthem

The service concludes with the singing of one of these anthems and the blessing.

God be in my head

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing.

MUSIC: Colin Brumby (1933-2018)
TEXT: *Sarum Primer*, 1514

A Prayer of St. Columba

Alone with none but thee, my God, I journey on my way.
What need I fear when thou art near,
O king of night and day?
More safe am I within thy hands
Than if a host around me stands.

MUSIC: Tim Knight (b. 1959)
TEXT: A Prayer of St. Columba (521-597)

All manner of thing

All manner of thing shall be well.

And thus our good Lord answered to all the questions and doubts that I might make, saying full comfortably, 'I may make all thing well; I can make all thing well; I will make all thing well; I shall make all thing well. And thou shalt see thyself that all manner of thing shall be well.'

MUSIC: Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)
TEXT: Julian of Norwich (1342-1416)

Jesu, dulcis memoria

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see and in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the memory find
A sweet sound than thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.

O hope of ev'ry contrite hart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall how kind thou art, how good in those who seek.

Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize will be:
Jesus, be thou our glory now and through eternity. Amen.

MUSIC: Plainsong, Mode I, arr. Arlen Clarke (b. 1954)
TEXT: St. Bernard de Clairvaux (1090-1153); trans. Edward Caswell (1814-1878)

A Universal Blessing

May love so dwell in our hearts, may peace so encompass our lives that
justice and mercy abound in this world. Sing love, sing compassion, sing
peace.

MUSIC : Alice Parker (b. 1925)
TEXT: Alice Parker

The Blessing

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Officiant concludes

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and
keep us. *Amen.*