## An Order for Night Prayer (Compline) during Passiontide

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.**

We may wish to pause the recording as we hold a period of silence to reflect on the past day.

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.**

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.**

**Alleluia.**

  The following hymn may be sung

Before the ending of the day,

Creator of the world, we pray

That you, with steadfast love, would keep

Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,

From fears and terrors of the night;

Tread underfoot our deadly foe

That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done

Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;

And Holy Spirit, by whose breath

Our souls are raised to life from death.

##### ****The Word of God****

**Psalm 139: 1-18**

     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.

    You mark out my journeys and my resting place

And are acquainted with all my ways.

     For there is not a word on my tongue,

but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You encompass me behind and before

and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,

so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go then from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;

If I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea.

Even there your hand shall lead me,

your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, ‘Surely the darkness will cover me

and the light around me turn to night.’

Even darkness is no darkness with you; the night is as clear as the day;

darkness and light to you are both alike.

For you yourself created my inmost parts;

you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.

My frame was not hidden from you,

when I was made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished;

already in your book were all my members written,

As day by day they were fashioned

when as yet there was none of them.

How deep are your counsels to me, O God!

How great is the sum of them!

If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,

and at the end, I am still in your presence.

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.**

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*

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.**

##### Gospel Canticle *Nunc dimittis*

*All*  **Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,**

**that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

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*  **Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

##### ****Prayers****

You may want to pause the recording to offer your personal prayers of intercession and thanksgiving

Let us pray

*Collect*

Silence may be kept.

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. All  **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer may be said.

**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.**

*Blessing*

May God bless us,

that in us may be found love and humility,

obedience and thanksgiving,

discipline, gentleness and peace.

All  **Amen.**