

*Then shall be said*

*Minister:* Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;  
*Answer:* *That thy people may rejoice in thee?*  
*Minister:* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
*Answer:* *And grant us thy salvation.*  
*Minister:* Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin;  
*Answer:* *O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.*  
*Minister:* O Lord, hear our prayer;  
*Answer:* *And let our cry come unto thee.*

*Then shall follow the Collect for Protection, with which may be said the Collect of the day.*

*The Collect for Protection.*

*Minister:* 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 thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*The following prayers may be added.*

*Minister:* LOOK down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Minister:* 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. *Amen.*

*Minister:* We will lay us down in peace and take our rest;  
*Answer:* *For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.*  
*Minister:* The Lord be with you;  
*Answer:* *And with thy spirit.*  
*Minister:* Let us bless the Lord;  
*Answer:* *Thanks be to God.*

*Minister:* THE Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and preserve us. *Amen.*

## AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE

*All standing, the Minister shall say:*  
The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. *Amen.*

*Minister:* O God, make speed to save us;  
*Answer:* *O Lord, make haste to help us.*  
*Minister:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
*Answer:* *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*  
*Minister:* Praise ye the Lord;  
*Answer:* *The Lord's Name be praised.*

*Then shall be read a Psalm: Psalm 4; Psalm 31:1-6; Psalm 91; Psalm 134; or any other Psalm.*

*Then shall be read the following short Lesson:*

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *St. Matthew 11. 28-30*

*Answer:* *Thanks be to God.*

*Then may be said the following Respond:*

*Minister:* Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;  
*Answer:* *Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;*  
*Minister:* For thou has redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth;  
*Answer:* *I commend my spirit.*  
*Minister:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
*Answer:* *Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.*

*Te lucis ante terminum.*  
Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That with the wonted favour thou  
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,  
From nightly fears and fantasies;  
Tread under foot 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. Amen.

*Minister:* Keep us as the apple of an eye;

*Answer:* Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.

*Anthem:* Preserve us, O Lord, waking, 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.

*Anthem:* Preserve us, O Lord, waking, and guard us sleeping, that  
awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest  
in peace.

*And after that these prayers following:*

*Minister:* Let us pray.

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

*All:* 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 them that trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

*Minister:* Blessed art thou, Lord God of our ancestors;

*Answer:* To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

*Minister:* Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

*Answer:* Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

*Minister:* Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;

*Answer:* To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

*Minister:* The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us  
his blessing.

*Answer:* Amen.

*Then shall the Minister and people say together the Confession:*

*All* 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.

*If a Priest be present, he shall pronounce the following Absolution:*

*Minister:* MAY the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you par-  
don and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of  
life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.