

## An Order for Night Prayer (Compline) in Epiphany

### Preparation

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 for Examen on the past day(s) follows.*

*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.**

*All* O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.  
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.**

### The Word of God

*Psalm 16*

- 1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; ♦  
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,  
all my good depends on you.'
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, ♦  
upon those who are noble in heart.
- 3 Though the idols are legion that many run after, ♦  
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, ♦  
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

- 4 The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; ♦  
in your hands alone is my fortune.
- 5 My share has fallen in a fair land; ♦  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage. R
- 6 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, ♦  
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.
- 7 I have set the Lord always before me; ♦  
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
- 8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; ♦  
my flesh also shall rest secure.
- 9 For you will not abandon my soul to Death, ♦  
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
- 10 You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence is the fullness of joy ♦  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*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.**

*Scripture Reading*

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

*Titus 2.11*

*Responsory*

- 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.**
- Keep me as the apple of your eye.
- All* **Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

*Gospel Canticle - The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said*

**All Alleluia. Christ the light of the world, alleluia,  
has manifested his glory. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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*

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and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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### **Prayers**

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here. Silence may be kept.*

King of kings and Lord of lords,  
making the true light to shine:  
lighten our darkness now and evermore  
that with our lips and in our lives  
we may praise you;  
for you are our God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

May the living waters of Christ cleanse us,  
may the Spirit descend upon us,  
and the blessing of God be with us  
this night and always.