

WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2020: COMPLINE

PREPARATION

OPENING PRAYER

Stand

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

A SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

Brethren, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith. *1 Peter 5: 8, 9*

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Thanks be to God.

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

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.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's Name be praised.

THE WORD OF GOD

PSALM

A Psalm or Psalms as appointed or the following psalm:

Psalm 4 Cum invocarem.

1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness ■
thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.
2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour ■
and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after lying?
3 Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself
the man that is godly ■
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
4 Stand in awe, and sin not ■
commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.
5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness ■
and put your trust in the Lord.
6 There be many that say ■
Who will shew us any good?
7 Lord, lift thou up ■
the light of thy countenance upon us.
8 Thou hast put gladness in my heart ■
more than men have, when corn and wine increase.
9 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest ■
for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

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.

A READING

John 14: 25-26

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

ADDRESS

RESPONSORY

Stand

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

HYMN

Before the ending of the day,
creator of the world, we pray
that thou with wonted love wouldst keep
thy watch around us while we sleep.

O let no evil dreams be near,
or phantoms of the night appear;
our ghostly enemy restrain,
lest aught of sin our bodies stain.

Almighty Father, hear our cry
through Jesus Christ our Lord most high,
who with the Holy Ghost and thee
doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

POEM

SAINT TERESA'S BOOKMARK

Let nothing disturb thee
Nothing affright thee;
All things are passing;
God never changeth;
Patient endurance
Attaineth to all things;
Who God possesseth
In nothing is wanting;
Alone God sufficeth.

Saint Teresa of Avila (1515-82)

VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

The following responsory may be said:

Keep me as the apple of an eye.
Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

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

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

NUNC DIMITTIS *The Song of Simeon Luke 2: 29-32*

1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, ■
according to thy word.
2 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, ■
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

3 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 Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, ■
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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

PRAYER

Kneel

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who 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 those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers,
to be praised and glorified above all for ever;

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven
to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing.
Amen.

CONFESSION

A prayerful examination of the past day may be undertaken after which the following or other suitable words of penitence may be used

**We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
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, Deliver us
from all evil, Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, And bring us
to life everlasting; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The priest, when present, pronounces the absolution.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us
that thy people may rejoice in thee?
O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us
and grant us thy salvation.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, hear our prayer
and let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

THE COLLECTS

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

O God our Creator,
by whose mercy and might
the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light:
We give into thy hands our unfinished tasks,
our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes,
knowing that only those things which thou dost bless will prosper.
To thy great love and protection
we commit each other and all for whom we have prayed,
knowing that thou alone art our sure defender,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE ENDING

DISMISSAL

We will lay us down in peace and take our rest.
For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

**The Almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve us this night and for evermore. Amen.**