

**WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2020: COMPLINE**

**PREPARATION**

**OPENING PRAYER**

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who made heaven and earth.**

*A period of silence for reflection on the past day follows.*

**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.  
**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.  
Alleluia.**

**HYMN (SAID)**

**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

*Psalm 142*

*Refrain: Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name.*

1 I cry aloud •to the | Lord; ■  
to the Lord I | make my | suppli|cation.  
2. I pour out my com|plaint be|fore him ■  
and | tell him | of my | trouble.

3 When my spirit faints within me, you | know my | path; ■  
in the way wherein I walk | have they | laid a | snare for me.  
4 I look to my right hand, and find | no one who | knows me; ■  
I have no place to flee to, and | no one | cares for my | soul.

*Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name.*

5. I cry out to you, O | Lord, and | say: ■  
‘You are my refuge, my | portion •in the | land of the | living.  
6 ‘Listen to my cry, for I am brought | very | low; ■  
save me from my persecutors, for they | are too | strong | for me.  
7 ‘Bring my | soul •out of | prison, ■  
that I may give | thanks | to your | name;  
7a When you have dealt | bountifully | with me, ■  
then shall the | righteous | gather a|round me.’

*Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name.*

### Psalm-Prayer

God of compassion,  
you regard the forsaken  
and give hope to the crushed in spirit;  
hear those who cry to you in distress  
and bring your ransomed people to sing your glorious praise,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

*Matthew 15: 1-9*

Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, ‘Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands before they eat.’ He answered them, And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? For God said, Honour your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely

ie.” But you say that whoever tells father or mother, “Whatever support you might have had from me is given to God”, then that person need not honour the father. So, for the sake of your tradition, you make void the word of God. You hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied rightly about you when he said: “This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

ADDRESS

RESPONSORY

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.  
**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.  
**I commend my spirit.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

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

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

NUNC DIMITTIS *The Song of Simeon Luke 2: 29-32*  
**Save us, O God, while waking,  
and guard us while sleeping;  
that awake we may watch with Christ,  
and asleep we may rest in peace.**

1 Now, Lord, you let your servant | go in | peace: ■  
your | word has | been ful|filled.  
2 My own eyes have | seen the · sal|vation ■  
which you have prepared in the | sight of | every | people.  
3 A light to re|veal you · to 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 shall be for ever. Amen.**

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

PRAYERS

Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**listen to my cry.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
**hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,  
**for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid.**

That you will give us a quiet night and a perfect end:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

That you will have mercy upon us and grant us your salvation:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

That you will keep us this night without sin:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

That you will guard us and give us your blessing:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

That you will bring us with all your saints to glory everlasting:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

*A period of silence is kept.*

## COLLECTS

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Visit our homes, O Lord, we pray,  
and drive far from them the snares of the enemy;  
may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,  
and may your blessing be always upon us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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.**

### THE ENDING

In peace we will lie down and sleep:  
**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
**for the night is at hand and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning,  
**so do we look for you, O Christ.**

The Lord bless us and watch over us;  
the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;  
the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.  
**Amen.**