

WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER: COMPLINE

PREPARATION

Stand

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

Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

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 134

1 Behold now, praise the Lord, ■
all ye servant of the Lord.

2 Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord ■
even in the courts of the house of our God.

3 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary ■
and praise the Lord.

4 The Lord that made heaven and earth ■
give thee blessing out of Zion.

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

Ezekiel 33:10-20

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel? And you, mortal, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not save them when they transgress; and as for the wickedness of the wicked, it shall not make them stumble when they turn from their wickedness; and the righteous shall not be able to live

by their righteousness when they sin. Though I say to the righteous that they shall surely live, yet if they trust in their righteousness and commit iniquity, none of their righteous deeds shall be remembered; but in the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die', yet if they turn from their sin and do what is lawful and right— if the wicked restore the pledge, give back what they have taken by robbery, and walk in the statutes of life, committing no iniquity—they shall surely live, they shall not die. None of the sins that they have committed shall be remembered against them; they have done what is lawful and right, they shall surely live.

Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just', when it is their own way that is not just. When the righteous turn from their righteousness, and commit iniquity, they shall die for it. And when the wicked turn from their wickedness, and do what is lawful and right, they shall live by it. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge all of you according to your ways!

ADDRESS

RESPONSORY

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.

All praise be thine, O risen Lord,
from death to endless life restored;
whom with the Father, we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

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

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

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, our homes,
and drive away all the snares of the enemy;
Let thy holy angels dwell therein
to preserve us in peace;
and may thy blessing be upon us evermore;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God,
as we stand at the foot of the cross of thy Son,
help us to see and know thy 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. **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

**May Christ, who heals us through his blood, bless us.
May he restore in us whatever is lacking in our faith
and set us at liberty to worship him in freedom
through our words and deeds. Amen.**