

WEDNESDAY, 16 JUNE 2021: COMPLINE

PREPARATION

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.

PRAYER FOR CALM

Calm me, O Lord, as you stilled the storm.
Still me, O Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease.
Enfold me, Lord, in your peace.

Father, bless the work that is done
and the work that is to be.

Gather, bless the servant that I am
and the servant that I will be.

THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 116

1 I love the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of my supplication; ♦
because he inclined his ear to me
on the day I called to him.

OPENING PRAYER

PSALM

**2 The snares of death encompassed me;
the pains of hell took hold of me; ♦
by grief and sorrow was I held.**

3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: ♦
'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'

**4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; ♦
our God is full of compassion.**

5 The Lord watches over the simple; ♦
I was brought very low and he saved me.

**6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, ♦
for the Lord has been gracious to you.**

7 For you have delivered my soul from death, ♦
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

**8 I will walk before the Lord ♦
in the land of the living.**

9 I believed that I should perish
for I was sorely troubled; ♦
and I said in my alarm,
'Everyone is a liar.'

**10 How shall I repay the Lord ♦
for all the benefits he has given to me?**

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation ♦
and call upon the name of the Lord.

**12 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord ♦
in the presence of all his people.**

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord ♦
is the death of his faithful servants.

**14 O Lord, I am your servant, ♦
your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

15 I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving ♦
and call upon the name of the Lord.

**16 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord ♦
in the presence of all his people,**

17 In the courts of the house of the Lord, ♦
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Alleluia.

**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.**

A READING

Luke 6: 43-45

‘No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

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.

That you would bless those whom we name now....
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.

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.**

COLLECTS

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

Thou Lord and God of power,
shield and sustain me this night.

I will lie down this night with God at my side,
and God will lie down with me;
I will lie down this night with Christ at my side,
and Christ will lie down with me;
I will lie down this night with the Spirit at my side,
and the Spirit will lie down with me;
God and Christ and the Spirit,
be lying down with me.

**The peace of God
be over me to shelter me,
under me to uphold me,
about me to protect me,
behind me to direct me,
ever with me to save me.**

**The peace of all peace
be mine this night
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**