

## WEDNESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2021: COMPLINE

### PREPARATION

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

#### *Psalm 44: 1-9*

We have heard with our ears, O God, our forebears have told us, ♦  
all that you did in their days, in time of old;  
**How with your hand you drove out nations and planted us in, ♦  
and broke the power of peoples and set us free.**  
For not by their own sword did our ancestors take the land ♦  
nor did their own arm save them,  
**But your right hand, your arm, and the light of your countenance, ♦  
because you were gracious to them.**  
You are my King and my God, ♦  
who commanded salvation for Jacob.  
**Through you we drove back our adversaries; ♦  
through your name we trod down our foes.**  
For I did not trust in my bow; ♦  
it was not my own sword that saved me;  
**It was you that saved us from our enemies ♦  
and put our adversaries to shame.**  
We gloried in God all the day long, ♦  
and were ever praising your name.

**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 11: 29-32*

When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, "This generation is an evil generation; it asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. For just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Son of Man will be to this generation. The queen of the South will rise at the judgement with the people of this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here! The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgement with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here!

**ADDRESS**

**RESPONSORY**

*Stand*

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

**POEM**

**ADVENT ANTIPHONS**

From Mary's sweet silence,  
Come, Word mutely spoken!

Pledge of our real life,  
Come, Bread yet unbroken!

Seed of the Golden Wheat,  
In us be sown.

Fullness of true Light,  
Through us be known.

Secret held tenderly,  
Guarded with Love,

Cradled in purity,  
Child of the Dove,

Come!

*Sr M Charlita*

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 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.**

**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.**

PRAYERS

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 is undertaken after which the following words of penitence are 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.

### COLLECTS

Stir up thy power, O God,  
and come among us.  
Heal our wounds,  
calm our fears  
and give us peace;  
through Jesus our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Father in heaven,  
our hearts desire the warmth of thy love  
and our minds are searching for the light of thy Word.  
Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour  
and give us the strength to grow in love,  
that the dawn of his coming  
may find us rejoicing in his presence  
and welcoming the light of his truth.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the 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**

Restore us again, O God of hosts:  
show us the light of your countenance  
and we shall be saved.  
Bless and keep us, this night and always. Amen.