

WEDNESDAY 12th JANUARY: 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

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

St. Luke 11:33-36

‘No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar, but on the lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light; but if it is not healthy, your body is full of darkness. Therefore

consider whether the light in you is not darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, with no part of it in darkness, it will be as full of light as when a lamp gives you light with its rays.’

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.

Thy glory, Christ, is manifest;
all peoples, Lord, by thee are blessed;
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.

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the
prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant
that they may both perceive and know what things they
ought to do, and also may have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil the same; 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

**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.**