

# AN ORDER OF NIGHT PRAYER (COMPLINE)

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

○ God, make speed to save us;  
**○ 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!** (*omitted in Lent*)

## PSALMODY

### Opening

*A suitable opening hymn may be sung.*

### Variable Psalms and Readings

Wednesdays Psalm 31.1-5;130

Antiphon: Make haste, ○ Lord, to deliver me,  
**for you are my tower of strength.**

- 1 In you, ○ Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;\*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me;\*  
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold;\*  
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,\*  
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit,\*  
for you have redeemed me,  
○ Lord, ○ God of truth.

### Glory to the Father...

- 1 Out of the depths have I called you, ○ Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice;\*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,\*  
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you;\*  
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;\*  
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning,\*  
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord,\*  
for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption,\*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

### **Glory to the Father...**

**Antiphon: Make haste, O Lord, to deliver me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

### **READING**

Do not let anger lead you into sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,  
and give no opportunity to the devil. (Ephesians 4.26)

**Thanks be to God.**

**Silence**

**Response (Psalm 31.5)**

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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.**

### **NUNC DIMITTIS**

**Antiphon: 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.**

- 1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace;\*  
your word has been fulfilled.
- 2 My own eyes have seen the salvation\*  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
- 3 A light to reveal you to the nations,\*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

### **Glory to the Father...**

**Antiphon: 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**

#### **Collect**

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray; and in your mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with your celestial brightness; and from the children of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### **Conclusion**

The Lord be with you;  
**and also with you.**  
Let us bless the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God.**

Bless the Lord, the God of our fathers;  
**Sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**  
Bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;  
**Sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

The almighty and most merciful Lord  
guard us and give us his blessing. **Amen.**