

COMPLINE IN ADVENT

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 may follow.

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.**

Hymn

**Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.**

**From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.**

**O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death.**

Psalm 134

- 1 Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.
- 2 **Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary; and bless the Lord.**
- 3 The Lord who made heaven and earth
give you blessing out of Zion.
**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.**

Bible Reading

Keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say, I say to you all: Keep awake. *(Mark 13.35-end)*

Silence is kept

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
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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

- 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 and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Prayers and silence

The Collect

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray,
and drive far from it 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.**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all
perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

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**