

MIDDAY OFFICE
&
COMPLINE



TERTIARY ORDER
OF THE HOLY PARACLETE

The Angelus –
a memorial of the Incarnation

V The Angel brought good news to Mary

R **The Holy Spirit will come upon you.**

V Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women:

R **For you conceived the Son of God, the Christ our Redeemer.**

V Behold the servant of the Lord:

R **Let it be according to your word.**

V Hail Mary...

R **For you conceived...**

V The Word became flesh:

R **And lived among us.**

V Hail Mary...

R **For you conceived...**

V Blessed is she who believed:

R **Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it**

Let us pray

We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, that as we have known the Incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought into the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

During Eastertide
The Regina Coeli –
a memorial of the
Resurrection

V Queen of Heaven, rejoice this day,

R **Alleluia**

V He whom you were called to bear,

R **Alleluia**

V As he promised has arisen,

R **Alleluia**

V Pour for us, to God, your prayer

R **Alleluia**

V Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia

R **For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Let us pray:

O God, by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you have brought joy to the whole world. Grant that, aided by the prayers of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may come to the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Midday Office

The Psalms, Responsories and Lessons vary thematically. Each set is also suitable for particular times in the Liturgical Year.

SUNDAY: The Kingship of Christ
may also be used on any day from Easter Day to Ascension Day

MONDAY: God the Creator
may also be used on Rogation Days

TUESDAY: The Holy Paraclete
may also be used for Pentecost

WEDNESDAY: Dedication
may also be used on OHP Dedication Day and Ember Days

THURSDAY: The Saints
may also be used on All Saints' Day and on the Festival of any Saint

FRIDAY: Penitence
may also be used on any day in Advent and Lent

SATURDAY: The Blessed Virgin Mary
may also be used during the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany, and on the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas), and on any Festival of the BVM

*Words in **bold type** are said by all*

Psalms may be said antiphonally.

Midday Office for Sunday

Angelus or Regina Coeli (*inside front cover*)

Opening Versicles and Responses

V O Lord, open our lips

R **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

V Let us worship the Lord

R **All praise to his name.**

V Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

R **As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen. Alleluia** (*Alleluia is omitted in Lent*)

Hymn – *any suitable hymn may be sung*

Psalm – *this or some other Psalm* (Psalm 118 vv 22-26)

The Lord * **is my strength and my song**

22 The stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, * and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. *
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

**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**

The Lord is my strength and my song

Reading – *this or some other reading* (Ephesians 4 vv 4+5)

There is one body and one Spirit-just as you were called to one hope when you were called - one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

V This is the word of the Lord

R **Thanks be to God**

Responsory

V Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

R **Who has blessed us in Christ Jesus with every spiritual blessing**

V He chose us in him before the creation of the world;

R **To be holy and blameless in his sight.**

V He destined us in love to be his own through Jesus Christ

R **In accordance with his pleasure and will.**

V May he give us the Spirit of wisdom;

R **That we may know the hope of his calling.**

V The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory;

R **Bless us and keep us. Amen.**

Lesser Litany and The Lord's Prayer

V Lord have mercy

R **Christ have mercy**

V Lord have mercy

Our Father in heaven * **hallowed be your name ...for ever and ever Amen.**

Intercessions

Conclusion

V Lord in your mercy

R **Hear our prayer**

Great God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named; grant us, that according to the riches of your glory, we may be strengthened with might by your Spirit in the depths of our being, that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith, that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fullness of God, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the same Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen**

Midday Office for Monday

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Hymn – *any suitable hymn may be sung*

Psalm – *this or some other Psalm* (Psalm 119 vv 13-16)

My delight * **shall be in your statutes**

13 With my lips have I been telling *
of all the judgements of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your testimonies *
than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments*
and contemplate your ways.

16 My delight shall be in your statutes *
and I will not forget your word.

**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**

My delight shall be in your statutes

Reading – *this or some other reading* (John 1 vv 1-3)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

V This is the word of the Lord

R **Thanks be to God**

Responsory

V Blessed are the poor in spirit;
R **For theirs is the kingdom of heaven**

V Blessed are those who mourn;
R **For they will be comforted.**

V Blessed are the meek;
R **For they will inherit the earth.**

V Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
R **For they will be filled.**

Lesser Litany and The Lord's Prayer

V Lord have mercy
R **Christ have mercy**
V Lord have mercy

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Intercessions

Conclusion

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R **Hear our prayer**

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V Let us bless the Lord
R **Thanks be to God**

Midday Office for Tuesday

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Opening Versicles and Responses

V O Lord, open our lips

R **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

V Let us worship the Lord

R **All praise to his name.**

V Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

R **As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen. Alleluia** (*Alleluia is omitted in Lent*)

Hymn – *any suitable hymn may be sung*

Psalm – *this or some other Psalm* (Psalm 119 vv 54-57)

O Lord * **I have promised to keep your words**

54 Your statutes have been like songs to me *
in the house of my pilgrimage.

55 I have thought on your name in the night, O Lord, *
and so have I kept your law.

56 These blessings have been mine, *
for I have kept your commandments.

57 You only are my portion, O Lord; *
I have promised to keep your words.

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

O Lord I have promised to keep your words

Reading – *this or some other reading* (Matthew 3 v 16)

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him.

V This is the word of the Lord

R **Thanks be to God**

Responsory

V God is light

R **In him there is no darkness at all.**

V If we walk in the light

R **We have fellowship with one another.**

V If we have fellowship with one another

R **We shall be cleansed from all our sins.**

V God is light.

R **In him there is no darkness at all.**

Lesser Litany and The Lord's Prayer

V Lord have mercy

R **Christ have mercy**

V Lord have mercy

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Intercessions

Conclusion

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V Let us bless the Lord

R **Thanks be to God**

Midday Office for Wednesday

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Opening Versicles and Responses

V O Lord, open our lips

R **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

V Let us worship the Lord

R **All praise to his name.**

V Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

R **As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen. Alleluia** (*Alleluia is omitted in Lent*)

Hymn – *any suitable hymn may be sung*

Psalm – *this or some other Psalm* (Psalm 119 vv 73-74,76-77)

Let your tender mercies come to me * **that I may live**

73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; *
give me understanding, that I may learn
your commandments.

74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, *
because I have hoped in your word.

76 Let your faithful love be my comfort, *
according to your promise to your servant.

77 Let your tender mercies come to me, that I may live, *
for your law is my delight.

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

Let your tender mercies come to me that I may live

Reading – *this or some other reading* (Romans 13 vv 9-10)

The commandments...are summed up in this one rule: Love your neighbour as yourself. Love does no harm to its neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law

V This is the word of the Lord

R **Thanks be to God**

Responsory

V Great and marvellous are your deeds:

R **Lord God almighty.**

V Just and true are your ways;

R **King of the ages.**

V Who will not fear you O Lord; and bring glory to your name?

R **For you alone are holy.**

V All nations shall come and worship before you;

R **For your righteous acts have been revealed**

Lesser Litany and The Lord's Prayer

V Lord have mercy

R **Christ have mercy**

V Lord have mercy

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Intercessions

Conclusion

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V Let us bless the Lord

R **Thanks be to God**

Midday Office for Thursday

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Opening Versicles and Responses

V O Lord, open our lips

R **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

V Let us worship the Lord

R **All praise to his name.**

V Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

R **As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen. Alleluia** (*Alleluia is omitted in Lent*)

Hymn – *any suitable hymn may be sung*

Psalm – *this or some other Psalm* (Psalm 119 vv 103-107)

How sweet * **are your words on my tongue**

103 How sweet are your words on my tongue! *
They are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I get understanding; *
therefore I hate all lying ways.

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet * and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and will fulfil it, *
to keep your righteous judgements.

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

How sweet are your words on my tongue

Reading – *this or some other reading* (Colossians 2 v 2)

My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ,

V This is the word of the Lord

R **Thanks be to God**

Responsory

V This is my commandment:

R **Love one another as I have loved you.**

V You are my friends if you do what I command you:

R **This is my commandment; love one another.**

V As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you;

R **Remain in my love;**

V That my joy may be in you;

R **And that your joy may be complete.**

Lesser Litany and The Lord's Prayer

V Lord have mercy

R **Christ have mercy**

V Lord have mercy

Our Father in heaven * **hallowed be your name ...for ever and ever Amen.**

Intercessions

Conclusion

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V Let us bless the Lord

R **Thanks be to God**

Midday Office for Friday

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Opening Versicles and Responses

V O Lord, open our lips

R **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

V Let us worship the Lord

R **All praise to his name.**

V Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

R **As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen. Alleluia** (*Alleluia is omitted in Lent*)

Hymn – *any suitable hymn may be sung*

Psalm – *this or some other Psalm* (Psalm 119 vv 133-136)

Show the light of your countenance upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.

133 Order my steps by your word, *
and let no wickedness have dominion over me.

134 Redeem me from earthly oppressors *
so that I may keep your commandments.

135 Show the light of your countenance upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes run down with streams of water, *
because the wicked do not keep your law.

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

**Show the light of your countenance upon your servant and
teach me your statutes.**

Reading – *this or some other reading* (Mark 2 v 17)

Jesus said to them, It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

V This is the word of the Lord

R **Thanks be to God**

Responsory

V This is the word of the Lord, the word of your creator;

R **Fear not for I have redeemed you.**

V I have called you by name; you are mine:

R **I have redeemed you.**

V When you pass through the waters,
they will not sweep over you:

R **When you walk through the fire,
the flames will not burn you:**

V You are precious in my sight and I love you:

R **Fear not for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.**

Lesser Litany and The Lord's Prayer

V Lord have mercy

R **Christ have mercy**

V Lord have mercy

Our Father in heaven * **hallowed be your name ... for ever and
ever Amen.**

Intercessions

Conclusion

V Lord in your mercy

R **Hear our prayer**

Great God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named; grant us, that according to the riches of your glory, we may be strengthened with might by your Spirit in the depths of our being, that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith, that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fullness of God, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the same Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen**

V Let us bless the Lord

R **Thanks be to God**

Midday Office for Saturday

Angelus or Regina Coeli (*inside front cover*)

Opening Versicles and Responses

V O Lord, open our lips

R **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

V Let us worship the Lord

R **All praise to his name.**

V Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

R **As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen. Alleluia** (*Alleluia is omitted in Lent*)

Hymn – *any suitable hymn may be sung*

Psalm – *this or some other Psalm* (Psalm 119 vv 171-174)

My tongue * **shall sing of your word.**

171 My lips shall pour forth your praise, *
when you have taught me your statutes.

172 My tongue shall sing of your word, *
for all your commandments are righteous.

173 Let your hand reach out to help me, *
for I have chosen your commandments.

174 I have longed for your salvation, O Lord, *
and your law is my delight.

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

My tongue shall sing of your word.

Reading – *this or some other reading* (Luke 2 v 17-19)

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

V This is the word of the Lord

R **Thanks be to God**

Responsory

V Beloved let us love one another, for love comes from God.

R **All who love are born of God and know God**

V This is love: not that we loved God but that he loved us

R **And sent his Son to be a sacrifice for our sins.**

V Beloved, since God so loved us;

R **We ought also to love one another.**

V If we love one another;

R **God lives in us, and his love is made complete.**

Lesser Litany and The Lord's Prayer

V Lord have mercy

R **Christ have mercy**

V Lord have mercy

Our Father in heaven * **hallowed be your name ... for ever and ever Amen.**

Intercessions

Conclusion

V Lord in your mercy

R **Hear our prayer**

Great God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named; grant us, that according to the riches of your glory, we may be strengthened with might by your Spirit in the depths of our being, that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith, that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fullness of God, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the same Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen**

V Let us bless the Lord

R **Thanks be to God**

Compline

Compline, whose Latin name 'completorium' means 'completion', is a quiet and reflective service for use at the end of the day's activities.

If the Office is in church, everyone leaves in silence, if at home, they go quietly to bed.

There are three sections

Page 19 Compline in Ordinary Time, or for use on any day. This may be used, without change, on any day of the year.

Page 25. Compline with Seasonal Variations

Advent: from the Eve of the first Sunday of Advent to the day before Christmas Eve, also the Festival of the Birth of John the Baptist

Christmas: from Christmas Eve until the day before the Eve of Epiphany, also any Festival of the BVM and the Festival of the Transfiguration

Epiphany: from the Eve of Epiphany until the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas)

Lent: from Ash Wednesday to Wednesday in Holy Week

Easter: from Easter Day to the Day of Pentecost, also the Festival of Mary Magdalene

All Saints' Day: also the Festival of any Saint

Page 28. Compline for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday [and Holy Saturday].

*Words in **bold type** are said by all*

The Psalms and the Nunc dimittis may be said antiphonally.

Words in [square brackets] may be omitted

Compline in Ordinary Time

Opening

V May the Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end
R **Amen**

[Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith]

or

We are all members of one body. Even if you are angry, do not sin: do not let the sun go down while you are angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.]

V Our help is in the name of the Lord
R **Who has made heaven and earth**

V Convert us, O God our Saviour
R **And turn your anger away**

Silence is kept

We confess* **to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and one another, that we have sinned through our own fault in thought, word, and deed; and in what we have failed to do.**

Wherefore we pray God to have mercy on us.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and keep us in eternal life. Amen.

V O God make speed to help us
R **O Lord make haste to help us**

V Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
R **As it was in the beginning, is now; and shall be for ever.**
Amen. Alleluia (*Alleluia is omitted in Lent*)

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. [Amen]**

Psalms

Have mercy on me * O Lord, and hear my prayer.

or

**You are my refuge and my stronghold, * my God, in whom I put
my trust.**

Psalm 4

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; *
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; *
how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?
- 3 But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous
kindness; * when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Stand in awe, and sin not; * commune with your own heart
upon your bed, and be still.
- 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness *
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?' *
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.
- 8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, *
for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.

**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**

[Psalm 31 v 1- 5

- 1 In you, O 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 fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold; * guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, * for you are my strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, * for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

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]

[Psalm 91

- 1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High * and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
- 2 Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold, * my God, in whom I put my trust.'
- 3 For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler * and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his wings and you shall be safe under his feathers; * his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, * nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, * nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.
- 7 Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, * yet it shall not come near you.
- 8 Your eyes have only to behold * to see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge * and the Most High your stronghold,

- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your tent.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
- 14 Because they have set their love upon me, therefore will I
deliver them; * I will lift them up, because they know my
name.
- 15 They will call upon me and I will answer them; * I am with
them in trouble, I will deliver them and bring them to honour.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy them *
and show them my salvation.

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]

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

Have mercy on me O Lord, and hear my prayer.

or

**You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God, in whom I put
my trust.**

Short Reading

one of these readings (Jeremiah 14 v 9 or Isaiah 30 v 15 or
Deuteronomy 33 v 27).

Lord, you are among us and we are called by your name. Do not forsake us, O Lord our God

or

In repentance and rest is your salvation; in quietness and trust is your strength.

or

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

R Thanks be to God

[Responsory]

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

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

V For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth

R I commend my spirit.

V Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

R Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit]

Nunc dimittis

Save us, * **O Lord while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep 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 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 Lord while waking, and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in
peace.**

Prayers

V Lord have mercy

R **Christ have mercy**

V Lord have mercy

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

Our Father in heaven * **hallowed be your name ... for ever and ever Amen.**

V In peace we will lie down and sleep;

R **For you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

[Used only if there is to be a Eucharist the following morning

V As the nightwatch looks for the morning,

R **So do we look for you, O Christ**

V Come with the dawning of the day

R **And make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.]**

Conclusion

One or more of these Collects

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray, and in your great 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 upon your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

V The Lord be with you

R **And also with you**

V Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia. *(Alleluia is omitted in Lent)*

R **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.** *(Alleluia is omitted in Lent)*

V May the souls of the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R **Amen.**

Compline with Seasonal Variations

Opening p 19

Hymn p 19

Psalms

Antiphon for the Season of the Liturgical Year.

Advent: from the Eve of the first Sunday of Advent to the day before Christmas Eve, also the Festival of the Birth of John the Baptist

Be ready * **and like those who wait for their Lord to return from the wedding feast.**

Christmas: from Christmas Eve until the day before the Eve of Epiphany, also any Festival of the BVM and the Festival of the Transfiguration

When the Lord was born, * **the choirs of angels cried saying, 'Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.'**

Epiphany: from the Eve of Epiphany until the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas)

You have appeared * **O Christ, the light of light, and we have seen your glory.**

*Lent: from Ash Wednesday to Wednesday in Holy Week.
For Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday see p 28*

Have mercy * **on me O Lord; and hear my prayer.**

Easter: from Easter Day to the Day of Pentecost, also the Festival of Mary Magdalene

Alleluia, * **alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

All Saints' Day: also the Festival of any Saint

The one * **who endures to the end will be saved.**

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Psalm 134 p 22

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Epiphany: **You have appeared O Christ, the light of light, and we have seen your glory.**

Lent: **Have mercy on me O Lord; and hear my prayer.**

Easter: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

All Saints' Day: **The one who endures to the end will be saved.**

Short Reading p 22 *or another suitable reading*

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Nunc dimittis

Antiphon for the Season of the Liturgical Year.

Advent: Come O Lord * **and visit us in peace. Let us rejoice before you with our whole heart.**

Christmas: Alleluia * **the Word became flesh, alleluia: and lived among us. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Epiphany: Alleluia * **all they from Saba shall come, alleluia. They shall bring gold and incense. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Lent: In the midst of life * **we are in death: to whom may we turn for succour, but to you O Lord.**

Easter: Alleluia. * **The Lord is risen, alleluia: as he said to you. Alleluia, alleluia.**

All Saints' Day: O King most blessed * **on the day of judgement number us among your chosen.**

- 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;

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Prayers p 24

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Compline for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday [and Holy Saturday].

The Office is said in a low voice, as follows. All other sections are omitted. If desired, there may be no Compline on Holy Saturday.

Psalms

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Psalm 4 p 20 *omit the Gloria*

[Psalm 31 v 1 – 5] p 21, *omit the Gloria*

[Psalm 91] p 21 *omit the Gloria*

Psalm 134 p 22 *omit the Gloria*

Have mercy on me O Lord; and hear my prayer.

Conclusion

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross. **Amen**

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