



Holy Trinity Micklegate

Compline (Night Prayer)

To be used when public worship is suspended

The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (completorium). It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day.

Preparation

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

Amen.

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.

Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. **Thanks be to God.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord **who hath made heaven and earth.**

We confess to God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, 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 and deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Priest says:

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.

Other ministers say:

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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 Ghost;

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.**

Hymn or music

Psalmody

The appointed psalm is said. Ending with:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Scripture Reading

The reading for the day is said, followed by:

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

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For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

Keep me as the apple of an eye.

Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

The Nunc dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation; Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people; 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 Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Prayers

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.** Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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 Ghost: **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.**

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 minister says intercessions followed by a Collect.

Hymn or music

Conclusion

We will lay us down in peace and take our rest. **For it is thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety.**

Abide with us, O Lord, **for it is toward evening and the day is far spent.**

As the watchmen look for the morning, **so do we look for thee, O Christ.**

Come with the dawning of the day **and make thyself known in the breaking of bread.**

The Lord be with you **and with thy spirit.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

May the living waters of Christ cleanse us, may the Spirit descend upon us, and the blessing of God be with us this night and always.

Amen.