

# COMPLINE

*All kneeling, the Minister shall say,*

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

*All remain kneeling,*

O God, ✠ make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*All standing up, the Minister shall say,*

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.**

## TE LUCIS ANTE TERMINUM *By S Ambrose, AD 390*

BEFORE the ending of the day,

Creator of the world, we pray

That with thy wonted favour thou

Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,

From nightly fears and fantasies;

Tread under foot our ghostly foe,

That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,

Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;

Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee

Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

## IN TE, DOMINE, SPERAVI *Psalm 31.1-6*

IN thee, O LORD, have I put my trust;

| let me never be put to confusion;

deliver me in thy righteousness.

**Bow down thine ear to me; | make**

**haste to de-liv-er me,**

And be thou my strong rock and

house of de-fence, | that thou mayest

save me.

**For thou art my strong rock and**

**my cas-tle: | be thou also my guide,**

**and lead me for thy Name's sake.**

Draw me out of the net that they have hidden for me; | for thou art my strength.

**Into thy hands I commend my spirit; | for**

**thou hast redeemed me, O LORD,**

**thou God of truth.**

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.**

## THE LESSON

*After the lesson the people respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

## NUNC DIMITTUS *S Luke 2.29* THE SONG OF SIMEON



LORD, ✠ now lettest thou thy servant de-**part in peace** |  
**ac-cord-ing** to thy word.

For mine eyes have **seen thy salvation** |

which thou hast prepared be-**fore 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 **ev-er shall be, world without en-d. Amen.**

## PRECES

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Our Father...



∇ Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers: **℟: to be praised and glorified**



**above all for ev-er.** ∇ Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spir-it:



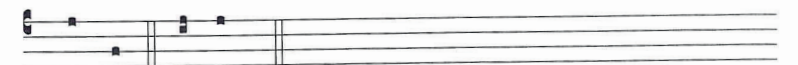
℟: let us praise him and magnify him for ev-er. ∇ Blessed art thou,



O Lord, in the firmament of heaven: **℟: To be praised and glorified above**



**all for ev-er.** The almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his



bles-sing. **℟: A-men.**

*Then shall the Minister and people say together the Confession and the Minister shall say the Prayer for Forgiveness following.*

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.**

*If a Priest be present, he shall stand and pronounce the following 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.**

*Then shall be said:*

V/ Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;

R/ **That thy people may rejoice in thee?**

V/ O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R/ **And grant us thy salvation.**

V/ Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin;

R/ **O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

V/ O Lord, hear our prayer;

R/ **And let our cry come unto thee.**

*Then shall follow the Collect for Protection, with which may be said the Collect of the day.*

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy; let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and may thy blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Or*

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 following prayers may be added.*

LOOK down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the children of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 repose upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

V/ We will lay us down in peace and take our rest;

R/ **For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.**

V/ The Lord be with you;

R/ **And with your spirit.**

V/ Let us bless the Lord;

R/ **Thanks be to God.**

The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. **Amen.**