

Lyddington Benefice
The Parishes of Bisbrooke, Caldecott, Glaston, Harringworth, Lyddington,
Stoke Dry, Seaton and Thorpe by Water

An Order for Compline during Holy Week

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

Brothers and sisters, 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.

I Peter 5:8

V. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Thanks be to God.

Minister. O God make speed to save us

Answer. O Lord make haste to help us

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

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen

Minister. Praise ye the Lord:

Answer. The Lord's name be praised

The Psalm(s)

Monday: Psalm 4. *Cum invocarem.*

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour : and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?

3 Know this also, that the LORD hath chosen to himself the man that is godly : when I call upon the LORD he will hear me.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not : commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness : and put your trust in the LORD.

6 There be many that say : Who will show us any good?

7 LORD, lift thou up : the light of thy countenance upon us.

8 Thou hast put gladness in my heart : yea, more than when their corn and wine and oil increased.

9 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest : for it is thou, LORD, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Tuesday: Psalm 31.1-6 *In te, Domine, speravi.*

IN thee, O LORD, have I put my trust : let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me : make haste to deliver me.

3 And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence : that thou mayest save me.

4 For thou art my strong rock, and my castle: be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

5 Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me : for thou art my strength.

6 Into thy hands I commend my spirit : for thou hast redeemed me, O LORD, thou God of truth.

Psalm 134 *Ecce nunc.*

BEHOLD now, praise the LORD : all ye servants of the LORD;

2 Ye that by night stand in the house of the LORD : even in the courts of the house of our God.

3 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary : and praise the LORD.

4 The LORD that made heaven and earth : give thee blessing out of Sion.

Wednesday: Psalm 91. *Qui habitat*

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the Most High : shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say unto the LORD, Thou art my hope, and my stronghold : my God, in him will I trust.

3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter : and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers : his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night : nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness : nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

7 A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand : but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold : and see the reward of the ungodly.

9 For thou, LORD, art my hope : thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

10 There shall no evil happen unto thee : neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee : to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee in their hands : that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder : the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him : I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will hear him : yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

16 With long life will I satisfy him : and show him my salvation.

The Readings

Monday: Luke 23.26-31

And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus.

And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him.

But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.

Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.

For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

Tuesday: John 12.20-36

And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:

The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him. Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die. The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man? Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

Wednesday: John 13.21-32

When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night. Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him.

R. Thanks be to God

A short period of reflection. Then is said the following Respond

Minister. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

People. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

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

People. I commend my spirit.

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

People. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Here may follow this or some other Hymn

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 underfoot our Ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may not 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.

V. Keep me as the apple of an eye.

R. Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

Then shall follow the Canticle Nunc Dimittis together with the anthem, which is to be said or sung in full before the Canticle and again after the Gloria Patri

**Anthem. 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.**

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**

**Anthem. 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.**

Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed by the Minister and people

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholick Church; the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

And after that these prayers following,

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

V. Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers.

R. To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

V. Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

R. Let us praise him and magnify Him for ever.

V. Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven.

R. To be praised and glorified, above all for ever.

V. The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing

R. Amen

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

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.

If a Priest be present, he shall 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, shew 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.

Let us pray

Then shall be said one or more of the following Collects

Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy. Let Thy holy angels abide in it to preserve us in peace, and let Thy blessing be ever 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**

O Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God, who at this evening hour didst rest in the sepulchre, and didst thereby sanctify the grave to be a bed of hope to thy people: make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins, which were the cause of thy passion, that when our bodies lie in the dust, our souls may live with thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Look down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the sons 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 thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

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

Here endeth the Order for Compline