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# **THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER**

## **FOR USE IN THE CHURCH IN WALES | 2009**

# **AN ORDER FOR**

# **NIGHT PRAYER | COMPLINE**



Stand

## THE INTRODUCTION

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

*Be seated or kneel*

*A period of silent reflection follows*

**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.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
+ forgive us our sins  
and bring us to everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## HYMN

Stand

*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.*

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

*Be seated or kneel*

### *Psalm 4*

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.

**How long will you nobles dishonour my glory :  
how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?**

But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness :  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

**Stand in awe, and sin not :  
commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.**

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness :  
and put your trust in the Lord.

**There are many that say, ‘Who will show us any good?’ :  
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance up/on us.**

You have put gladness in my heart :  
more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

**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 134*

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord :  
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.

**Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary  
and bless the Lord :  
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.**

A Reading from the Revelation to Saint John the Divine

[22: 4 - 5]

They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.  
And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun,  
for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

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

Keep me as the apple of your eye.  
**Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

Stand

*The Gospel Cantic: 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.**

+ Lord, now you have set your servant free  
to go in peace as you have promised.

**For these eyes of mine have seen your salvation  
which you have prepared for all the world to see;**

A light to reveal you to the nations  
and to give glory to 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.**

Be seated or kneel

## THE PRAYERS

That you will give us a quiet night and a perfect end:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

That you will have mercy upon us and grant us your salvation:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

That you will keep us this night without sin:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

That you will guard us and give us your blessing:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

That you will bring us with Mabon, Matthias, John the Baptist  
and all your saints to glory everlasting:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

Let us pray with confidence to the Father.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Visit this place, Lord, we pray,  
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.**

*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.**

[Come with the dawning of the day  
**and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.]**

+ The Lord bless us and watch over us;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon us  
and be gracious to us;  
the Lord look kindly on us  
and all for whom we pray  
and give us his peace. **Amen.**

*Stand*

*Please leave the church in silence.*



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