

The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham

Night Prayer - Compline



✠ 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,
walks about, seeking whom he may devour:
whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

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.

A period of silence may follow.

I confess to God,
to blessed Mary, and to all the Saints,
that I have sinned exceedingly in
thought, word, and deed,

And, striking their breasts, the say:
through my own fault;

and they continue:

I ask holy Mary,
and all the Saints of God,
to pray for me.

May almighty God have mercy upon us,
forgive us all our sins;
deliver us from every evil;
confirm and strengthen us in goodness;
and bring us to everlasting life. **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 Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: *
world without end. **Amen.**

The following hymn may be sung



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| 1 | Before the ending of the day, | Creator of the world we pray, |
| 2 | From all ill dreams defend our eyes, | From nightly fears and fantasies; |
| 3 | O Father, that we ask be done, | Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son; |



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| 1 | That with thy wonted favour thou, | Wouldst be our guard and keeper now. |
| 2 | Tread underfoot our Ghostly foe, | That no pollution we may know. |
| 3 | Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee, | Doth live and reign eternally. Amen |

Psalmody

*One or more of the following psalms may be used
- a short pause is kept at the end of a line with a **

Psalm 4

Cum invocarem

- 1 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 shew us any good?**
- 7 Lord, lift thou up: *
the light of thy countenance upon us.
- 8 **Thou hast put gladness in my heart: *
since the time that 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.
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.

Psalm 31:1-6

In te, Domine, speravi

- 1 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.
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.

Psalm 91

Qui habitat

- 1 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 noontay.
- 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 shew him my salvation.
 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.

Psalm 134

Ecce nunc

- 1 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.
 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.

Scripture Reading

One of the following short lessons is read

Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name;
 leave us not, O Lord our God. (*Jer 14:9*) **Thanks be to God.**

or

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give
 you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and
 lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is
 easy, and my burden is light. (*Mt 11:28-30*) **Thanks be to God.**

or

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
 that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting
 covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working
 in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to
 whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (*Heb 13:20, 21*)
Thanks be to God.

The following responsory may be said

Responsory

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

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

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

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

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

Nunc dimittis

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.

1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: *
according to thy word.

2 **For mine eyes have seen: * thy salvation;**

3 Which thou hast prepared: * before the face of all people;

4 **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 Spirit.

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

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.

Prayers

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.

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 Spirit:

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.

One or more of the following Collects is said

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, our homes,
and drive from them all the snares of the enemy.

Let thy holy Angels dwell therein to preserve us in peace;
and may thy blessing be upon us evermore;
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 Spirit,
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.**

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.
All so do we look for thee, O Christ.

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

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The almighty and merciful Lord, ✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
bless and keep us. **Amen.**



Anthem to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Salve, Regina

Hail, holy Queen,
mother of mercy,
hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy towards us,
and after this our exile
show to us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God,
who by the cooperation of the Holy Spirit,
didst prepare the body and soul
of the glorious Virgin-Mother Mary
to become a worthy dwelling for Thy Son;
grant that we who rejoice in her commemoration
may, by her loving intercession,
be delivered from present evils
and from eternal death;
through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ May the divine assistance remain with us always.
Amen.

