



Compline



Service for the Close of Day

Preparation

The household gathers quietly. Lights may be dimmed to mark the end of the day.

Confession

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brethren, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy upon me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant unto thee pardon, remission, and forgiveness of all thy sins.

Psalmody

Psalm 4

Psalm 4:1, 4, 8

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

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

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm 134

Psalm 134:1-3

Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.

The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

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;
A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Suffrages

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of the eye.

R. *Hide us under the shadow of Thy wings.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. *And let my cry come unto Thee.*

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13; cf. Luke 11:2-4

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.

Collect for Protection

Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares
of the enemy; let Thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace, and
let Thy blessing be ever upon us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.
The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless
us and keep us. Amen.