

An Order for **Compline** (words only)



more
fervent in
PRAYER



more
generous
in works of
CHARITY



more
eager in cele-
brating the
MYSTERIES
by which we
are reborn

St Mary the Virgin, Kidlington

The HYMN is always sung. Other parts may be said or sung at the discretion of the Officiant.

STAND

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

All Amen

Officiant Beloved, 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.

V But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us

R Thanks be to God

V Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R Who hath made heaven and earth.

We confess, to God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, through our fault, our own fault, our own most grievous fault: therefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.

Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

Officiant May the almighty and most merciful God grant to us pardon, absolution and remission of all our sins, time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

V Turn us, O God our Saviour:

R And let thine anger cease from us

V O God, make speed to save us:

R O Lord, make haste to help us.

V Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

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

ANTIPHON

Have mercy upon me, O God, **and hearken unto my prayer.**

The verses of the psalms are said alternately

PSALM 4 – CUM IN VOCAREM

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 show 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 Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

PSALM 31 – *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 aid privily for me: for thou art my strength.
6. Into thy hands I commend my spirit: for thou has redeemed me, O Lord thou God of Truth.

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.

PSALM 91 – *QUI HABITAT*

1. Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the most high: and abideth 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 noonday.**
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 has 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.**

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.

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 Zion.**

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.

REPEAT ANTIPHON

Have mercy upon me, O God, **and hearken unto my prayer.**

CHAPTER – *one of the following*

Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy Name: leave us not, O Lord our God.

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.

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

All **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORY

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

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

V For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, though God of truth

R I commend my spirit

V Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

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

NUNC DIMITTIS

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 Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

REPEAT ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord while waking; **and guard us while sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

SIT OR KNEEL

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, **which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. 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 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

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.

COLLECTS

Collect of the day

1. Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this dwelling, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy. Let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace, and may thy blessing be upon us evermore. **Amen**
2. 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,**
3. O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who at the hour of Compline didst rest in the sepulchre, and didst thereby sanctify the grave as 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, world without end. **Amen.**

4. 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.**
5. Be present, O merciful Lord, 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 on thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
6. O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear the prayers of thy Church, that we, being delivered from all adversities and serving thee with a quiet mind, may enjoy thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
7. O everlasting God, you are forever adored by your holy Angels, but choose men and women to be stewards of your mysteries. Bless, we beseech you, the work of this Church that we, who cannot do any good without you, may by you be won to purity and love, and illuminated with a true knowledge of your word and sacraments; that we may advance your glory and do the will of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

V The Lord be with you;

R And also with you.

V Let us bless the Lord;

R Thanks be to God.

V May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace;

R And rise in glory, Amen