

Shared Ministry in Exning and North
Newmarket

An Order for Night Prayer (Compline)



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Greeting & Welcome

Preparation

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

All **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord

All **who made heaven and earth.**

A short period of silence for reflection on the past day

All **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.

O God, make speed to save us.

All **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All **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.

Hymn, Read or Sung.

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 Word of God

Psalmody.

Psalm 119.33-56

Refrain: My delight shall be in your commandments.

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes ♦
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding and I shall keep your law; ♦
I shall keep it with my whole heart.

35 Lead me in the path of your commandments, ♦
for therein is my delight.

36 Incline my heart to your testimonies ♦
and not to unjust gain. *R*

37 Turn away my eyes lest they gaze on vanities; ♦
O give me life in your ways.

38 Confirm to your servant your promise, ♦
which stands for all who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, ♦
because your judgements are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; ♦
in your righteousness give me life. *R*

41 Let your faithful love come unto me, O Lord, ♦
even your salvation, according to your promise.

42 Then shall I answer those who taunt me, ♦
for my trust is in your word.

43 O take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, ♦
for my hope is in your judgements.

44 So shall I always keep your law; ♦
I shall keep it for ever and ever. *R*

45 I will walk at liberty, ♦
because I study your commandments.

46 I will tell of your testimonies, even before kings, ♦
and will not be ashamed.

47 My delight shall be in your commandments, ♦
which I have greatly loved.

48 My hands will I lift up to your commandments,
which I love, ♦
and I will meditate on your statutes. *R*

49 Remember your word to your servant, ♦
on which you have built my hope.

50 This is my comfort in my trouble, ♦
that your promise gives me life.

51 The proud have derided me cruelly, ♦
but I have not turned aside from your law.

52 I have remembered your everlasting judgements, O Lord, ♦
and have been comforted. *R*

53 I am seized with indignation at the wicked, ♦
for they have forsaken your law.

54 Your statutes have been like songs to me ♦
in the house of my pilgrimage.

55 I have thought on your name in the night, O Lord, ♦
and so have I kept your law.

56 These blessings have been mine, ♦
for I have kept your commandments.

Refrain: My delight shall be in your commandments.

*God of loving mercy,
in this place of our pilgrimage
turn your laws into songs,
that we may find your promises
fulfilled in Jesus Christ our Lord*

**All 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.**

Scripture Reading

Titus 1

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that is in accordance with godliness, in the hope of eternal life that God, who never lies, promised before the ages began—in due time he revealed his word through the proclamation with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Saviour,

To Titus, my loyal child in the faith we share:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Saviour.

I left you behind in Crete for this reason, that you should put in order what remained to be done, and should appoint elders in every town, as I directed you: someone who is blameless, married only once, whose children are believers, not accused of debauchery and not rebellious. For a bishop, as God's steward, must be blameless; he must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or addicted to wine or violent or greedy for gain; but he must be hospitable, a lover of goodness, prudent, upright, devout, and self-controlled. He must have a firm grasp of the word that is trustworthy in accordance with the teaching, so that he may be able both to preach with sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict it.

There are also many rebellious people, idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision; they must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for sordid gain what it is not right to teach. It was one of them, their very own prophet, who said,

'Cretans are always liars, vicious brutes, lazy gluttons.'

That testimony is true. For this reason rebuke them sharply, so that they may become sound in the faith, not paying attention to Jewish

myths or to commandments of those who reject the truth. To the pure all things are pure, but to the corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure. Their very minds and consciences are corrupted. They profess to know God, but they deny him by their actions. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.

**All Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

For I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.

All And afterwards receive me with glory.

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

**All Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**



Reflection / Talk



The following responsorial is said

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

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

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

All I commend my spirit.

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

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

Gospel Canticle

The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said or sung

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

- 1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: ♦
your word has been fulfilled.
- 2 My own eyes have seen the salvation ♦
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
- 3 A light to reveal you to the nations ♦
and the glory of your people Israel. *Luke 2.29-32*

**All 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.**

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

Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings.

The Prayers end with

....Merciful Father accept these prayers

The Collect

Almighty God,

you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer .

Our Father who art in Heaven.....

The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;

All for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,

All for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,

All so do we look for you, O Christ.

The Lord bless us and watch over us;

the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;

the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.

All Amen.