

Shared Ministry in Exning and North Newmarket

An Order for Night Prayer (Compline)



Wednesday 26th May 2021

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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 136

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

4 Who alone does great wonders, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

6 Who laid out the earth upon the waters, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

7 Who made the great lights, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

8 The sun to rule the day, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

9 The moon and the stars to govern the night, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

10 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

11And brought out Israel from among them, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

12With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

13Who divided the Red Sea in two, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

14And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

15But Pharaoh and his host he overthrew in the Red Sea, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

16Who led his people through the wilderness, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

17Who smote great kings, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

18And slew mighty kings, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

19Sihon, king of the Amorites, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

20And Og, the king of Bashan, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

21And gave away their land for a heritage, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

22A heritage for Israel his servant, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

23Who remembered us when we were in trouble, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

24And delivered us from our enemies, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

25Who gives food to all creatures, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever.

26Give thanks to the God of heaven, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever.

*Remember us, O God, and shape our history,
form our inward eyes
to see the shadow of the life-giving cross*

*in the turbulence of our time;
for his sake who died for all,
Christ our Lord.*

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

***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

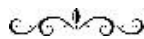
Luke 9.37-50

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

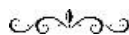
While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, 'Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands.' But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest.'

John answered, 'Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us.' But Jesus said to him, 'Do not stop him; for whoever is not against you is for you.'



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 Into your hands, O Lord, 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.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

All Hide me under the shadow of your wings

Gospel Cantic

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,
whose servant Augustine was sent as the apostle
of the English people:
grant that as he laboured in the Spirit
to preach Christ's gospel in this land,
so all who hear the good news
may strive to make your truth known in all the world;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, 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.

Blessing

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.

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All Amen.