

Tuesday 26 March 2024

Compline for Holy Tuesday

(Franciscan version)



Compline is a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. It is most effective when the ending is indeed an ending, without additions, conversation or noise. If there is an address, or business to be done, it should come first. If said at home, participants go quietly to bed.

The name of this ancient service comes from a Latin word which means 'completion' (*completorium*). We pronounce it name as 'com-plinn' rather than 'com-plyne'.

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The hymn is a [YouTube link](#). Please click on the links to hear it.

All the verses in the psalm and nunc dimittis is split in two with a red diamond ♦. The diamond indicates a short pause to allow the reader to reflect on the content. The pause is voluntary and can be ignored.

To see service transcripts from previous weeks, please visit the page, <http://www.medlockhead.co.uk/resources/index.htm>

Introduction

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.

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 will be for ever.
Amen.**

Hymn [The day thou gavest Lord is ended](#) (click on this link to hear the hymn)

The Word of God

Psalmody

13 For it was not an open enemy that reviled me, ♦
for then I could have borne it;

- 14 Nor was it my adversary that puffed himself up against me, ♦
for then I would have hid myself from him.
- 15 But it was even you, one like myself, ♦
my companion and my own familiar friend.
- 16 We took sweet counsel together ♦
and walked with the multitude in the house of God.
- 17 Let death come suddenly upon them;
let them go down alive to the Pit; ♦
for wickedness inhabits their dwellings, their very hearts.
- 18 As for me, I will call upon God ♦
and the Lord will deliver me.
- 19 In the evening and morning and at noonday
I will pray and make my supplication, ♦
and he shall hear my voice.
- 20 He shall redeem my soul in peace
from the battle waged against me, ♦
for many have come upon me.
- 21 God, who is enthroned of old,
will hear and bring them down; ♦
they will not repent, for they have no fear of God.
- 22 My companion stretched out his hands against his friend ♦
and has broken his covenant;
- 23 His speech was softer than butter, though war was in his heart; ♦
his words were smoother than oil, yet are they naked swords.
- 24 Cast your burden upon the Lord and he will sustain you, ♦
and will not let the righteous fall for ever. *Psalm 55:13-24*

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

Sentences from Scripture

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

1 Thessalonians 5:9,10

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? *Isaiah 58:6,7*

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

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

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O 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.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

All Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

The Nunc dimittis (the Song of Simeon)

**All Christ died for us
so that, whether we wake or sleep,
we might live with him.**

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 chosen people.

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 Christ died for us
so that, whether we wake or sleep,
we might live with him.

Hymn [Veni sanctus spiritus](#) (Latin for 'come Holy Spirit': [click to hear the chant](#))

Litany

God the Father,

All have mercy upon us.

God the Son,

All have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit,

All have mercy upon us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,

All have mercy upon us.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

All Good Lord deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,

All Good Lord deliver us.

From famine, pestilence and disaster; from violence, murder and dying unprepared,

All Good Lord deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience,

All Good Lord deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power;
and by your preaching of the kingdom,

All Good Lord deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion;
and by your precious death and burial,

All Good Lord deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension;
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

All Good Lord deliver us.

Give us true repentance;
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins;
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to your holy word.

All Amen.

The Collect for Holy Tuesday

Lord, you make a gift of death
to bring us to new life:
free us from our need
to fix and own your name
so we may look for the day
when you are lifted high
and all are drawn
into the arms of love;
through Jesus Christ, the passion of God.

All Amen

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen

Silence may be kept.

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.

[Come with the dawning of the day

All and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.]

May the Lord bless us,
that in us may be found love and humility,
obedience and thanksgiving,
discipline, gentleness and peace.

All Amen