

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.

**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.**

**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 of Intercession

Lenten Collect

Holy God, our lives are laid open before you:
rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your
Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.
Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.
As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

**Restore us again, O God of hosts; show us the light of
your countenance and we shall be saved.
Bless and keep us, this night and always. Amen.**

LENT COMPLINE 2021

The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion.' It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day.

The Opening

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.
Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord **who made heaven and earth.**

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

**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.**

The Opening Canticle

*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.*

Psalm 51

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.

1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; ♦ **according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.**

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness ♦ **and cleanse me from my sin.**

3 For I acknowledge my faults ♦ **and my sin is ever before me.**

4 Against you only have I sinned ♦ **and done what is evil in your sight,**

5 So that you are justified in your sentence ♦ **and righteous in your judgement.**

6 I have been wicked even from my birth, ♦ **a sinner when my mother conceived me.**

7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me ♦ **and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.**

8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; ♦ **wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.**

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, ♦ **that the bones you have broken may rejoice.**

10 Turn your face from my sins ♦ **and blot out all my misdeeds.**

11 Make me a clean heart, O God, ♦ **and renew a right spirit within me.**

12 Cast me not away from your presence ♦ **and take not your holy spirit from me.**

13 Give me again the joy of your salvation ♦ **and sustain me with your gracious spirit;**

14 Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked ♦ **and sinners shall return to you.**

15 Deliver me from my guilt, O God, the God of my salvation, ♦ **and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**

16 O Lord, open my lips ♦ **and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

17 For you desire no sacrifice, else I would give it; ♦ **you take no delight in burnt offerings.**

18 The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; ♦ **a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

19 O be favourable and gracious to Zion; ♦ **build up the walls of Jerusalem.**

20 Then you will accept sacrifices offered in righteousness, the burnt offerings and oblations; ♦

then shall they offer up bulls on your altar.

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.

Take away, good Lord, the sin that corrupts us;

give us the sorrow that heals and the joy that praises

and restore by grace your own image within us, that we may

take our place among your people; in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

A Lent Bible Reading and based on the way of Love

The Response

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

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For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

I commend my spirit.

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

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

The Gospel Canticle (Luke 22 v. 9- 32)

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