

Compline For Ash Wednesday



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.

Chant – We Have Come to Seek You

We sing together.

The Word of God

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; •
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; •
how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?

But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; •
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not; •
commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness •
and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?' •
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

You have put gladness in my heart, •
more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

In peace I will lie down and sleep, •
for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.

**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.**

New Testament Reading

This or another reading is used

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

The reading may be followed by silence and a reflection.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day.

**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.**

Imposition of Ashes

Everyone is invited to receive the sign of the cross on their forehead. These words may be used.

Remember that you are dust
and to dust you shall return.
Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

Hymn – Dust to Dust

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.**

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

Gospel Cantic

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

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

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: •
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation •
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

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

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

The 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

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.

Hymn – Purify My Heart

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.

Amen.



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