

✠ THE OFFICE AT COMPLINE

THE BLESSING

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

THE SHORT LESSON (I Peter 5:8)

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Thanks be to Thee, O God.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (without Doxology)

THE CONFESSION

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to my brethren, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed by my fault, my own fault, my own most grievous fault, wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. *Amen.*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant to me pardon, absolution, and remission of all my sins. Amen.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation.
And put away Thy indignation toward us.

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.
O Lord, make haste to help me.

THE GLORIA PATRI AND ALLELUIA (OR LAUS TIBI)

*(From Septuagesima to Holy Saturday, instead of the Alleluia
-- Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.)*

THE PSALM ANTIPHON

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, and hear my prayer.

THE PSALM (4)

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! Thou hast given me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. O men, how long shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? *Selah.* But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him. Be angry, but sin not; commune with your

own hearts on your beds, and be silent. *Selah*. Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD. There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, O LORD!" Thou hast put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for thou alone, O LORD, makest me dwell in safety. Glory be to the Father...

THE PSALM (31:1-6)

In thee, O LORD, do I seek refuge; let me never be put to shame; in thy righteousness deliver me! Incline thy ear to me, rescue me speedily! Be thou a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me! Yea, thou art my rock and my fortress; for thy name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net which is hidden for me, for thou art my refuge. Into thy hand I commit my spirit; thou hast redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. Thou hatest those who pay regard to vain idols; but I trust in the LORD. Glory be to the Father...

THE PSALM (134)

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD! Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless the LORD! May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth! Glory be to the Father... *(The Antiphon repeated)*

THE HYMN

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world we pray
That with Thy wonted favor Thou
Wouldst be our Guard and Keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Withhold from us our ghostly foe
That spot of sin we may not know.

O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son,
Who with the Holy Ghost and Thee
Doth live and reign eternally.

THE SHORT CHAPTER (Jer. 14:9)

Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy name; leave us not, O Lord, our God.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORY

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
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For Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth.
I commend my spirit.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of an eye.
Hide us under the shadow of Thy wings.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord, waking, and guard us sleeping that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace. *(In Eastertide shall be added: Alleluia)*

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father...

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (secretly, ending with:)

Vouchsafe, O Lord:
To keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us:
As our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, hear my prayer.
And let my cry come to Thee.

THE COLLECT

Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this dwelling, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let Thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you.
And with Thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING

The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and keep us.
Amen.