



# St. Martin's Anglican Church

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

**Compline, 7:00 PM**

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## **An Order for Night Prayer (Compline)**

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.**

**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.**

## 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.**

### Psalm 134

**Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,  
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.**

Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary  
and bless the Lord.

**The Lord who made heaven and earth  
give you blessing out of Zion.**

**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

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil is prowling round like a roaring lion, seeking for someone to devour. Resist him, strong in the faith.

1 Peter 5.8, 9

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22.4, 5

### Responsory

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: 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.**

### Gospel Canticle

*The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said*

**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.**

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.  
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

Let us pray for those on our hearts and minds either out loud or in the quietness of our own hearts. There will be time for open prayer for those who wish to pray during this time.

#### The Collect

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray,  
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;  
may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,  
and may your blessing be always upon us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Look down, O God, from your heavenly throne,  
illuminate the darkness of this night with your celestial brightness,  
and from the children of light banish the deeds of darkness;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**All: Amen.**

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory  
and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our  
Saviour taught us:  
**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. Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## 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.**

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.

**All: Amen.**

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