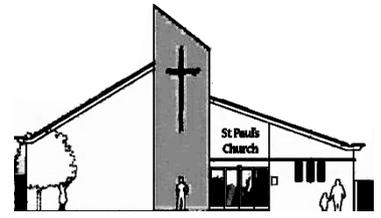




THE PARISH OF EMMANUEL  
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## AN ORDER FOR NIGHT PRAYER (COMPLINE)

### Preparation

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.**

A period of silence for reflection on the past day follows.

**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 help 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  
Alleluia.**

We say together

**All 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, this we ask be done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;  
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath  
Our souls are raised to life from death.**

### Psalmody

#### *Psalm 4*

- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> **How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?**
- <sup>3</sup> But you know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- <sup>4</sup> **Stand in awe, and sin not; commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.**
- <sup>5</sup> Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the Lord. You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- <sup>6</sup> **There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?' Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.**
- <sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.
- <sup>8</sup> **In peace I will lie down and sleep, for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.**

### 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

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.**

Keep me under the apple of your eye  
**All Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

### Gospel Canticle

**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.**

- 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.

### **Luke 2.29-32**

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and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

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### Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings are prayed.

## 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**

The Lord's Prayer in its traditional form is said.

## 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 upon us and give us peace.

**All Amen**

There follows a period of silence for private prayer or meditation.

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and, please, do not gather in non-bubble groups.

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