

# All Saints', Hertford Choral Compline



[V. Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;

**R. That thy people may rejoice in thee?**

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;

**R. And grant us thy salvation.**

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin;

**R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

V. O Lord, hear our prayer;

**R. And let our cry come unto thee.]**

*One or more collects may be sung*

## THE CONCLUSION

V. We will lay us down in peace and take our rest.

**R. it is thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety.**

V. Abide with us, O Lord,

**R. For it is toward evening and the day is far spent**

V. As the watchmen look for the morning,

**R. so do we look for thee, O Christ.**

[V. Come the dawning of the day

**R. and make thyself known in the breaking of the bread.]**

V. The Lord be with you. **R. And with thy spirit.**

V. Let us bless the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, bless us and preserve us. **Amen.**

May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God rest in peace. **Amen.**

*An Anthem and/or Hymn may be sung*

## OPENING HYMN

## PREPARATION

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

Brethren, be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. **Thanks be to God.**

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

*Please sit. A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.*

*The following or other suitable words of penitence may be used.*

We confess † to God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A priest may say*

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

V. O God, make speed to save us.  
**R. O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Please stand.*

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Omit during Lent*

V. Praise ye the Lord. **R. The Lord's name be praised.**

OFFICE HYMN

*A suitable hymn may be sung*

PSALMODY

*Congregation please Sit*

*Antiphon - repeated at end*

Have mercy † **upon me, O God, and hearken unto my prayer.**

*One of more psalms appointed for the day may be sung*

*The Gloria is sung at the end of the psalmody - please stand for this*

SCRIPTURE READING

*A suitable passage of scripture is read—please sit .*

**Thanks be to God**

*The following may be said or sung. Alleluias are only sung in Eastertide.*

V. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. [Alleluia, Alleluia]

**R. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. [Alleluia, Alleluia]**

V. For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

**R. I commend my spirit. [Alleluia, Alleluia]**

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

**R. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. [Alleluia, Alleluia]**

*After the responsory*

V. Keep me as the apple of an eye;

**R. Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.**

The NUNC DIMITTIS

*Antiphon - repeated at end*

*Ordinary time*

Pre-serve us, † O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping.  
that awake we may watch with Christ, and a-sleep we may rest in  
peace.

*or in Lent*

Christ, who died for us † that whether we wake or sleep, we should live  
together with him.

1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according  
to thy word.

2 For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;

3 Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;

4 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy  
people Israel.

*Please stand*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world without  
end. Amen

THE PRAYERS

*Please sit or kneel*

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father † **which art in heaven,**

**Hallowed be thy Name.**

**Thy kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**As we forgive them that trespass against us**

V. And leave us not into temptation,

**R. But deliver us from evil. Amen**

V. Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers;

**R. To be praised and glorified above all for ever.**

V. Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

**R. Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.**

V. Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;

**R. To be praised and glorified above all for ever.**

The almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his  
blessing. **Amen.**