



St Mildred's Church, Lee Order for Night Prayer (Compline)



*Please join in quietly with the words in bold italic type.
Alternatively please feel free just to listen.*

We start with a few moments of silence.

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.

We take a few moments to reflect quietly on the day.

We pray together:

***Most merciful God
we confess to you,
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.
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.***

Optional: a recorded song or hymn can be played here or the words of an appropriate song or hymn can be read.

First Bible reading, a Psalm: see programme of daily readings.

Second Bible reading: see programme of daily readings.

We take a few moments to reflect quietly on God's word.

We pray together:

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

We pray to God the Father,
who has reconciled all things to himself in Christ:

For peace among the nations,
that God may rid the world of violence
and let peoples grow in justice and harmony. **

For those who serve in public office,
that they may work for the common good. **

For those who suffer from hunger, sickness or loneliness,
that the presence of Christ may bring them
health and wholeness. **

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

** Brief mentions of current situations can be added here.

We draw our prayers together using the words that Jesus 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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.***

Be present, O merciful God,
and protect us through the silent hours of this night,
so that we who are wearied
by the changes and chances of this fleeting world
may rest upon your eternal changelessness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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.