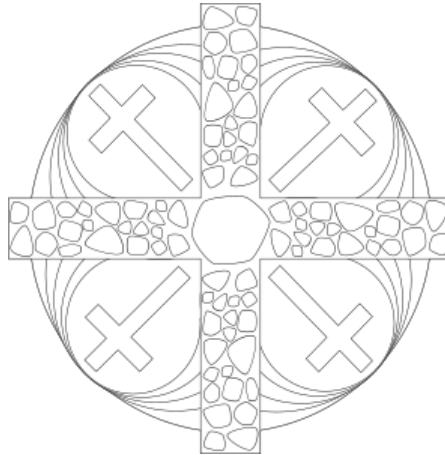


# S+ Mary's Church Wexham



## An Order for Night Prayer (Compline) for Holy Week

*Please join in with the words which are in bold.*

### 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 may follow.*

*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 following hymn will be said*

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

### The Word of God

#### Scripture Reading

John 12:20-36

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honour him.

<sup>27</sup> "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup> The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup> He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup> So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How

can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" <sup>35</sup> So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup> While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.

*Reflection*

*Followed by this 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.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

**All Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

*Gospel Canticle The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon)*

**Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness  
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*

**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.**

**Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,  
that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.  
Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness**

## Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

## The Collect

Almighty God,  
we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son,  
help us to see and know your love for us,  
so that in humility, love and joy  
we may place at his feet all that we have and all that we are;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*Silence may be kept.*

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

**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,**

## 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.**

Blessing

May God bless us, that in us may be found love and humility, obedience and thanksgiving, discipline, gentleness and peace.

*All*    **Amen.**

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