An Order for Night Prayer (Compline) in Easter

Preparation

The minister asks a blessing on the life of all God’s holy people.

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.

The following or other suitable words of penitence may be used

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.

A suitable nighttime hymn may be sung

The Word of God

Psalmody

Scripture Reading

The officiant reads a psalm.

A short passage from Holy Scripture is read
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Responsory

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. 
Alleluia, alleluia.

All 
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. 
Alleluia, alleluia.

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

All 
Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father and to the Son 
and to the Holy Spirit.

All 
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. 
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Canticle

The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said or sung

All 
The Lord is risen, 
as he promised to you.

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.

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 
The Lord is risen, 
as he promised to you.

Luke 2.29-32
The officiant says the collect and leads us in the Lord’s Prayer.

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.

May the risen Lord Jesus bless us.
May he watch over us and renew us as he renews the whole of creation.
May our hearts and lives echo his love.
All Amen.