An Order for Night Prayer in Kingdomtide
from All Saints’ Day until the day before the First Sunday of Advent

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

The Psalm

Scripture Reading
Night Prayer (Compline) in Kingdomtide

Responsory

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.
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) is said or sung
All O King most blessed, on the day of judgement number us among your chosen. 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 O King most blessed, on the day of judgement number us among your chosen.

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.

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.
All Amen.