Readings for the Wednesdays in Advent

**1 December**

Psalm 119: 1-16

Matthew 12: 38-end

**8 December**

Psalm 62

Matthew 15: 1-20

**15 December**

Psalm 75

Matthew 17: 14-21

**22 December**

Psalm 124

Matthew 19: 16-end

**An Order for Night Prayer**

**Compline**

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**Advent**

*On this service sheet congregational responses are shown in* ***heavy type***

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.**

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

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

**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.

**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.**

**Alleluia.**

*A hymn may be sung*

Psalm

*At the end of the psalm the following is said*

**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.**

Scripture Reading

*One of the following short lessons or another suitable passage is read*

Into your hands O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

**I commend my spirit.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

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

*The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said*

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,**

**and guard us while sleeping,**

**that awake we may watch with Christ**

**and asleep may rest in peace.**

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.

**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.**

Prayers

The Collect

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.

**Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be Your name,**

**Your kingdom come,**

**Your will be done,**

**on earth as it is 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**

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.**