**Night Prayer**

 Although we are apart, we come together to meet with God.

 Let us recognise God’s presence with us now.

 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 or other suitable hymn may be sung.***

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***

***Psalm 32***

1. Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
2. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.
3. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
4. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.
5. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.
6. Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.
7. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.
8. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.
9. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.
10. Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord’s unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.
11. Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

***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.**

 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.**

***We listen to a meditation***

***The Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon) is said.***

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

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*

**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.**

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

***Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.***

***The Collect***

 Visit our homes, O Lord, we pray,

 and drive far from them 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 may be said.***

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

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