

St. Cuthbert's Order for Compline

Service notes:

- + indicates you may make the sign of the cross
- *indicates a change of reader
- All say together the sections printed in **BOLD**.
- Sections in ***bold italic*** should be said by each in turn

The Order:

+ (silence)

* I will lie down and sleep in peace, for You alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

**O God, and Spirit, and Jesu,
the Three,
from the crown of my head,
O Trinity,
to the soles of my feet
mine offering be.
Come I unto Thee, O Jesu, my King -
O Jesu, do Thou be my sheltering.**

My dear ones, O God, bless Thou and keep; in every place where they are.

* Whoever has chosen to make the shelter of the Most High their dwelling place will stay in His over-shadowing.

* He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; He is my God, and I am trusting Him.

* He will rescue you from the traps laid for your feet, and save you from the destroying curse.

* His faithful promises are your armour, You need no longer be afraid of any terror by night, or the death-arrow that flies by day.

* The Lord Himself is your refuge; you have made the Most High your stronghold.

* Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for You are my crag and stronghold.

* How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with You.

***I will not lie down tonight with sin,
nor shall sin
nor sin's shadow
lie down with me.***

**O God of life, this night,
O darken not to me Thy light.
O God of life, this night,
close not Thy gladness to my sight.
O God of life, this night,
Thy door to me, O shut not tight,
O God of life, this night.**

* Be it on Thine own beloved arm, O God of grace, that I in peace shall waken.

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As the bridegroom to his chosen,
as the king unto his realm,
as the keep unto the castle,
as the pilot to the helm,
so, Lord, art Thou to me.

(optional hymn)

As the fountain in the garden,
as the candle in the dark,
as the treasure in the coffer,
as the manna in the ark,
so, Lord, art Thou to me.

As the music at the banquet,
as the stamp unto the seal,
as the medicine to the fainting,
as the wine-cup at the meal,
so, Lord, art Thou to me.

As the ruby in the setting,
as the honey in the comb,
as the light within the lantern,
as the father in the home,
so, Lord, art Thou to me.

As the sunshine in the heavens,
as the image in the glass,
as the fruit unto the fig-tree,
as the dew unto the grass,
so, Lord, art Thou to me.

* Jesu, Son of Mary!
my helper,
my encircler,
Jesu, Son of David!
my strength everlasting.
Jesu, Son of Mary!
my helper,
my encircler.

**The peace of all peace
be mine this night
+ in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**