



**The Order of
Sung Compline**

according to the Book of Common Prayer (1979)

Sundays at 8.00pm

Cantor The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.

Response Amen.

Cantor Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response The maker of heaven and earth.

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept

Said by all **Almighty God, our heavenly Father:
We have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all our offences
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life,
to the glory of your Name. Amen**

Officiant May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,
And the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Response Amen.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us

Response 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 will be for ever. Amen.

Except in Lent Alleluia.

One or more of the following Psalms is sung.

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, o God, defender of my cause: You set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory?” how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?
Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful: when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
Tremble, then, and do not sin: Speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
Offer the appointed sacrifices: and put your trust in the Lord.
Many are saying, “Oh that we might see better times!” Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
You have put gladness in my heart: More than when grain and wine and oil increase I lie down in peace, at once I fall asleep: For only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 31

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame: deliver me in your righteousness.
Incline your ear to me: make haste to deliver me.
Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold: for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me: for you are my tower of strength.
Into your hands I commend my spirit: for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Psalm 91

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High: abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
He shall say to the Lord, “You are my refuge and my stronghold: my God in whom I put my trust.”
He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter : and from the deadly pestilence.
He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings: his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
You shall not be afraid of any terror by night: nor of the arrow that flies by day;
Of the plague that stalks in the darkness: nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand: but it shall not come near you.
Your eyes have only to behold: to see the reward of the wicked.
Because you have made the Lord your refuge: and the Most High your habitation,
There shall no evil happen to you: neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over you: to keep you in all your ways.
They shall bear you in their hands: lest you dash your foot against a stone.
You shall tread upon the lion and the adder: you shall trample the young lion and the
serpent under your feet.
Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him: I will protect him,
because he knows my Name.
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him
and bring him to honor.
With long life will I satisfy him: and show him my salvation.

Psalm 134

Behold now, bless the Lord: all you servants of the Lord:
You that stand by night in the house of the Lord.
Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord:
The Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

At the end of the Psalm(s) is sung

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

One of the following is sung

Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called by your Name: Do not
forsake us, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14: 9, 22*
Thanks be to God.

Come to me all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in
heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my
burden is light. *Matthew 11. 28-30*
Thanks be to God.

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,
equip you with everything good that you may do his will. Working in
you that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom
be glory for ever and ever. *Hebrews 13: 20-21*
Thanks be to God.

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. Thanks be to God.

1 Peter 5: 8-9

This evening hymn is sung

Te lucis ante terminum
rerum Creator poscimus
Ut pro tua clementia,
Sis praesul et custodia.

*Before the ending of the day,
creator of the world we pray
That with thy wonted favour thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.*

Procul recedant somnia
et noctium phantasmata
Hos temque notrum comprime
Ne pollutantur corpora.

*From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
from nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
that no pollution we may know.*

Praesta Pater piissime
Patrique compar unice
cum Spiritu Paraclito
Regnans per omne saeculum. Amen.

*O Father, that we ask be done,
through Jesus Christ, thine only son
Who with the Holy Ghost and thee,
doth live and reign eternally. Amen.*

Then follows

In manus tuas Domine,
commendo spiritum meum
redemisti nos Domine,
Deus veritatis.

*Into your hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.*

*Cantor
Response*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
Hide us under the shadow of your wings.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

Cantor Lord, hear our prayer;
Response And let our cry come to you

Cantor Let us pray.

One or more of the following collects are sung

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the lover of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rests in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day, your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessings be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

One of the following prayers may be added

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered

A short anthem is sung

The choir sings

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine,
secundum verbum tuum in pace:
Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum
Quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum:

Lumen ad revelationem gentium,
et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.
Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto,
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc,
et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant
depart in peace: according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared: before the face
of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever
shall be. World without end. Amen.*

Luke 2. 29-32

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may
watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
Response Thanks be to God.

Officiant The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us
and keep us. Amen.

The service is followed by a Marian anthem appointed for the season.