



**The Order of  
Sung Compline**

according to the Book of Common Prayer (1979)

**Sundays at 5:00pm**

*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** (*1st Sunday*)

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 you 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** (*2nd Sunday*)

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 91:1-4,11-17** (*3rd Sunday*)

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.  
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 42:1-7** (*4th Sunday*)

As the deer longs for the water-brooks,  
    so longs my soul for you, O God.  
My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God;  
    when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?  
My tears have been my food day and night,  
    while all day long they say to me,  
    Where now is your God?"  
I pour out my soul when I think on these things;  
    how I went with the multitude and led them into the  
    house of God,  
With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,  
    among those who keep holy-day.  
Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?  
    and why are you so disquieted within me?  
Put your trust in God;  
    for I will yet give thanks to him,  
    who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

**Psalm 91:5-12** (*5th Sunday*)

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 only have 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.

*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.  
Thanks be to God.

*Jeremiah 14: 9, 22*

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.  
Thanks be to God.

*Matthew 11. 28-30*

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.  
Thanks be to God.

*Hebrews 13: 20-21*

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*      Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;  
*Response*      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 love 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 rest 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; through 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*

*A Marian Anthem will then be sung*

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.