

# An Order for Compline

*The Officiant begins*

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

*Officiant* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*People* The maker of heaven and earth.

*The Officiant may then say*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People*

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 offenses; 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. *Amen.*

*The Officiant then says*

O God, make speed to save us.

*People* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *Amen. Alleluia.*

*One or more of the following Psalms are sung or said. Other suitable selections may be substituted. (Psalm 4, Psalm 31, Psalm 91 or Psalm 134).*

**Psalm 134** *Ecce nunc*

1 Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, \*  
you that stand by night in the house of the LORD.

2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; \*  
the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

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, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read (Jeremiah 14:9, 22; Matthew 11: 28-30; Hebrews 13:20-21; 1 Peter 5:8-9a.).*

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*

*People* Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

*Then follows*

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.

V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;  
R. For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.  
V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;  
R. Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant and People*

*Officiant* Lord, hear our prayer;  
*People* And let our cry come to you.  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The Officiant then says one of the following Collects on page 133.*

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 blessing 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.*

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

*The service concludes with the Song of Simeon with this Antiphon, which is sung or said by all*

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

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \* whom you have prepared for all the world to see. A Light to enlighten 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 will be for ever. *Amen.*

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.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*The Officiant concludes*

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

