Compline, Noted

St. Mary’s, Hamilton Village
The Episcopal Church at Penn

Spring 2020
An Order for Compline

The Officiant begins

Officiant

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a

People

perfect end. Amen.

Officiant

Our help is in the name of the Lord; The maker of heaven and earth.

People

The Officiant may then say or chant

Officiant

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People say together

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.

Officiant

O God, make speed to save us, 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 for ever. A-men.

* Omitted during Lent

Al-le-lu-ia.

One or more of the following Psalms are sung or said. Other suitable selections may be substituted. The cantor begins the Psalm, then all join in, pausing at the asterisk.

Week 1

Psalm 4 Cum invocarem

Tone 8

1 An-swer 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.
3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
   when I call upon the Lord, / he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
   speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices, *
   and put your trust in the Lord.

6 Many are saying,
   "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
   Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, Ó Lord.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
   more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
   for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Week 2
Psalm 31 In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
   let me never be put to shame; *
   deliver me / in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
   make haste / to deliver me.

3 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.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
   for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
   for you have redeemed me,
   O Lord, O God of truth.
Week 3
Psalm 91 Qui habitat

1 *He who* dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *abides under the shadow of / the Almighty.*

2 He shall say to the Lord,
   “You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
   my God in / whom I put my trust.”

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
   and from the / deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions, *
   and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
   his faithfulness shall be a / shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
   nor of the / row that flies by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
   nor of the sickness that lays / waste at mid-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side *
   and ten thousand at your right hand, *
   but it shall / not come near you.

8 Your eyes have only to behold *
   to see the reward / of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
   and the Most High your / habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
    neither shall any plague come / near your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge / over you, *
    to keep / you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
    lest you dash your / foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and / adder; *
    you shall trample the young lion and the serpent / under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love, *
    therefore will I deliver him; *
    I will protect him, be- / cause he knows my Name.
15 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.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
    and show him my salvation.

Week 4
Psalm 134 Ecce nunc

1 Be-hold 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.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son *
    and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now *
    and will be ever. Amen.

One of the following chapters, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read or chanted by the officiant:
Week 1

Officiant

Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called

by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God.

People

Thanks be to God.

or this

Week 2

Officiant

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.

People

Thanks be to God.
or this

Week 3

Officiant

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.

People

Thanks be to God.

or this
Week 4

Officiant

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

People

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung, such as one of the following

Week 1

1 O Christ, you are both light and day, you drive away the shadowed night; as Day-star you precede the dawn, the Herald of the light to come.
2 We pray you, O most holy Lord, to be our guardian while we sleep; bestow on us who rest in you the blessing of a quiet night.
3 Although our eyes in sleep be closed, let hearts in dread, malicious foe; direct your faithful household, Lord, whom you have purchased with your blood.
4 Defend us all, look down; repel our marker and our end, O Spirit, bond of peace and love, to you be thanks and endless praise.
Week 2

1 All praise to thee, my God, this night, for
2 For give me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the
3 O may my soul on thee re pose, and
4 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

all the blessings of the light: keep me, O keep me,
ill that I this day have done; that with the world, my
with sweet sleep mine eye lids close; sleep that shall me more
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye

King of kings, beneath thine own almighty wings,
self, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
vigorous make to serve my God when I a wake.
heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Week 3

1 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended, the darkness
2 We thank thee that thy Church, un sleeping while earth rolls
3 As o’er each continent and island the dawn leads
4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never, like earth’s proud

falls at thy behest; to thee our morning hymns ascend,
onward in to light, through all the world her watch is
on another day, the voice of prayer is never
empires, pass away; thy kingdom stands, and grows for
Week 4

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther’s glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

bles - t is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven ad - dored.

Then follows

Officiant or Cantor

In - to your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spi - rit.

People

In - to your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spi - rit.

Officiant or Cantor

For you have re - deem - ed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

People

In - to your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spi - rit.
And then follows

**Officiant or Cantor**

\[\text{V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;}\]

**People**

\[\text{R. Hide us under the shadow of your wings.}\]

**Officiant**  **People**  **Officiant and People**

\[\text{Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.}\]

**Officiant and People**

\[\text{Our Father, who art in heaven . . . . but deliver us from evil.}\]

\[\text{. . . hallowed be thy Name,}\
\text{thy kingdom come,}\
\text{thy will be done,}\
\text{on earth as it is in heaven.}\
\text{Give us this day our daily bread.}\
\text{And forgive us our trespasses,}\
\text{as we forgive those}\
\text{who trespass against us.}\
\text{And lead us not into temptation . . .}\]

**Officiant**  **People**

\[\text{Lord, hear our prayer; And let our cry come to you.}\]

**Officiant**

\[\text{Let us pray.}\]
The Officiant then says one of the following Collects

Week 1
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. A-men.

Week 2
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. A-men.

Week 3
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. A-men.

Week 4
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. A-men.

One of the following prayers may be added

Week 1, 3
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. A-men.

or this
Week 2, 4
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. A-men.

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings are offered either silently or alone.

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

Antiphon

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

In Easter Season, add:

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

*Alleluia is omitted during Lent

Tone 3

1. Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; 2. For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: 3. A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.
Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit:

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for ev-er. A-men. [Ant]

All repeat the Antiphon

Antiphon

Guide us wak-ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep-ing;

thatis a-wake we may watch with Christ, and a-sleep we may rest in peace.

In Easter Season, add:

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The almighty and mer-ci-ful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spi-rit,

bless us and keep us. A-men.
Compline (/'kɒmplɪn// KOM-plin; also Compline, Night Prayer, Prayers at the End of the Day) is the final church service (or office) of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours. The English word Compline is derived from the Latin completorium, as Compline is the completion of the working day. The word was first used in this sense about the beginning of the 6th century by St. Benedict in his Rule (Regula Benedicti), in Chapters 16, 17, 18, and 42, and he even uses the verb complere to signify Compline: "Omnes ergo in unum positi compleant" ("All having assembled in one place, let them say Compline"); "et exuentes a completorio" ("and, after going out from Compline...") (RB, Chap. 42).

Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, Lutheran, and certain other Christian denominations with liturgical traditions prescribe Compline services. Compline tends to be a contemplative Office that emphasizes spiritual peace. In many monasteries it is the custom to begin the "Great Silence" after Compline, during which the whole community, including guests, observes silence throughout the night until the morning service the next day.

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