

# 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.

*Officiant* 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 for ever. Amen.**

**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.

**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.**

*The following passage of Scripture is read*

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*

**People** Thanks be to God.

*Then follows*

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*

**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.**

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

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.**

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 intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

*The service concludes with the Song of Simeon, with this Antiphon*

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

*Everyone*

**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.**

*All repeat the Antiphon*

**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.**