



Compline

8:30 PM Thursdays

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SEA Episcopal Church

One congregation, two locations

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An Order of 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.

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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

One or more of the following Psalms are sung or said.

Psalm 4 *Cum invocarem*

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 te, Domine, speravi*

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 *Qui habitat*

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 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 *Ecce nunc*

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 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 for ever. Amen.

One of the following 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.**

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

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.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Officiant 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.

Or

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

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

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 blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Saturdays

We give you thanks, O God, for revealing your Son Jesus Christ to us by the light of his resurrection: Grant that as we sing your glory at the close of this day, our joy may abound in the morning as we celebrate the Paschal mystery; 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.

or this

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.

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.**

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.*

COMPLINE: Prayers for the end of the day

The ancient office of Compline derives its name from the Latin word meaning “to complete” (complere). Originally the last of the daily offices celebrated by monastic communities, it eventually found a place in local liturgical settings. Compline consists of psalms, short passages from scripture, a hymn, a canticle (Nunc Dimittis), a litany, collects, and additional prayers, including a Marian hymn. Compline is offered when the work of the day is finished. Silence before, during and following this service allows time to pray, reflect, and grow in communion with God, in a candlelit sacred place.

Lord,
it is night.
The night is for stillness.
Let us be still in the presence of God.
It is night after a long day.
What has been done has been done;
what has not been done has not been done;
let it be.

The night is dark.
Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own
lives rest in you.

The night is quiet.
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
all dear to us,
and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.
Let us look expectantly to a new day,
new joys,
new possibilities.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

New Zealand Book of Common Prayer

