

## **An Order for Compline**

**Formatted to be said via Zoom.**

*The Leader begins*

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

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

**The maker of heaven and earth.**

Come to us this Night Lord;

**Come to us with light.**

Speak to us this night Lord;

**Speak to us your Truth.**

Dwell with us this Night Lord;

**Dwell with us in love.**

You are our hiding place;

**You protect us from trouble and surround us with songs of deliverance.**

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*Leader* One who conceals sin does not prosper;

**And one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy**

We confess our sins before the Lord;

**We confess them all.**

Sins of commission and sins of omission;

**We confess them all.**

Cleanse us and forgive us O loving Savior

**Cleanse and forgive us.**

*Leader* May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*The Leader then says,*

O God, make speed to save us.

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

*Leader* 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.

**Psalm 4** *Cum invocarem (Feb 20 and Mar20)*

- 1 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.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"
- 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, O 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.

**Psalm 31** *In te, Domine, speravi (Feb 27 and Mar 27)*

- 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.

**Psalm 91** *Qui habitat (Mar 6)*

- 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 arrow 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 only have 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 the 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, because 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.

**Psalm 134** *Ecce nunc (Mar 13)*

- 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.

*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, or some other suitable 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*

*Response* **Thanks be to God.**

*or this*

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*

*Response* **Thanks be to God.**

*or the following*

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. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

*Response* **Thanks be to God.**

*or this*

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. *1 Peter 5:8-9a*

*Response* **Thanks be to God.**

*Then follows*

- V. Lord keep us safe tonight;  
R. **Secure us from our fears.**  
V. May angels guard us while we sleep;  
R. **Until the morning light appears..**

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

*Leader*

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.

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.

*Leader* Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response* **And let our cry come to you.**

*Leader* Let us pray.

Grant us Lord tonight your gift of sweet, uninterrupted sleep, that free from the anxieties, stress and busy-ness of the day's activities, our minds and bodies may be refreshed and rejuvenated for tomorrow's work. Grant that we shall enjoy tonight's sleep and thank you in the morning as we stretch ourselves in readiness for the tasks ahead. Through our lord Jesus Christ we pray, *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 free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

*The service concludes with the Song of Simeon*

**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.**

*Leader* Let us bless the Lord.

*Response* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Leader concludes*

Now may our lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and gave eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort our hearts and establish them in every good work and word. And may the grace of our lord Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit be with us tonight and ever more. *Amen*