

## An Order for Compline

St. John's Church, Beverly Farms

*Officiant*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peace - ful night and a

*People*

per - fect end. A - men.

*Officiant*

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

*People*

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*The Office continues with “O God, make speed to save us” or with the following Confession of Sin.*

*Officiant*

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.

*Officiant*

*People*

*Officiant and People*

O God, make speed to save us, O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Al - le - lu - ia.

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

## Psalm 4 *Cum invocarem*

Tone 8

- 1 *An-swer me when I call, O God, defender of my cáuse; \**  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on / me and héar my prayer.
- 2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glóry? \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run / after fálse gods?”
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the fáithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, / he will héar me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and dó not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in si- / lence upón your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrificíes, \*  
and put your / trust in thé Lord.

6 Many are saying,  
“Oh, that we might see better times!” \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance up- / on 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.

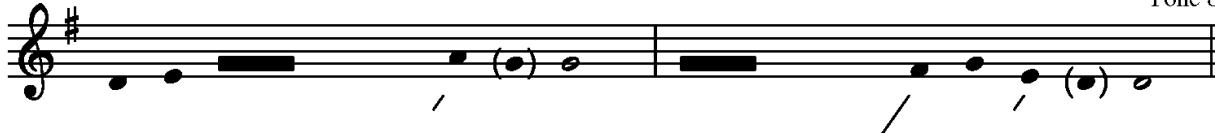
Glory to the Father, and to the Són \*  
and to the / Holy Spírit:

As it was in the beginning, is now \*  
and will be for / ever. Ámen.

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Psalm 31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

Tone 8



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 spírit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O / Lord, O Gód of truth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Són \*  
and to the / Holy Spírit:

As it was in the beginning, is now \*  
and will be for / ever. Ámen.

Psalm 91 *Qui habitat*

Tone 8



- 1 *He who dwells in the shelter of the Móst High, \**  
abides under the shadow of / the Almíghty.
- 2 He shall say to the Lord,  
“You are my refuge and my strónghold, \*  
my God in / whom I pút my trust.”
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the húnter \*  
and from the / deadly péstilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,  
and you shall find refuge under his wíngs; \*  
his faithfulness shall be a / shield and bückler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by níght, \*  
nor of the ar- / row that flíes by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the dárkness, \*  
nor of the sickness that lays / waste at míd-day.
- 7 A thousand shall fall at your side  
and ten thousand at your ríght hand, \*  
but it shall / not come néar you.
- 8 Your eyes have only to behóld \*  
to see the reward / of the wícked.
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your réfuge, \*  
and the Most High your / habitátion,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to yóu, \*  
neither shall any plague come / near your dwélling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge óver you, \*  
to keep / you in áll your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hánds, \*  
lest you dash your / foot agáinst a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and ádder; \*  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent / under yóur 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.

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.

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Psalm 134 *Ecce nunc*

Tone 8

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.

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.

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*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*

**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*

**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*

**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*

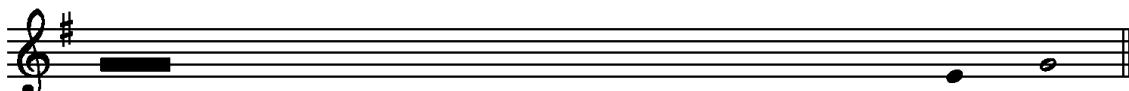
**Thanks be to God.**

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

*Then follows*



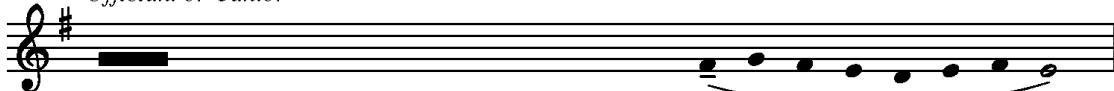
V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;



R. For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

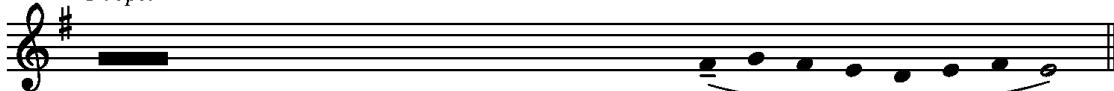
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*Officiant or Cantor*



V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*People*

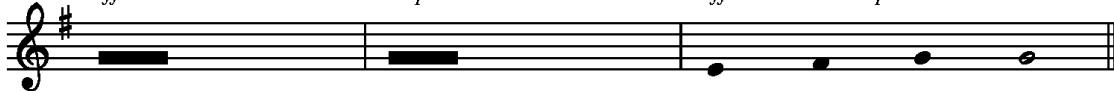


R. Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Officiant*

*People*

*Officiant and People*



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

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## The Lord's Prayer

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. And let our cry come to you.

*Officiant*

Let us pray.

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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.**

*From the New Zealand Prayer Book*

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.

*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.*

*Antiphon*

Mode 3

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

that 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.

Tone 3

1. Lord, you now have set your ser - vant free to go in peace as you

have prom-ised; 2. For these eyes of mine have seen the Sav - ior,

whom you have prepared for all the world to see: 3. A Light to en -

light-en the na - tions, and the glory of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

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.]

*Officiant*

Let us bless the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

*Officiant*

The almighty and mer - ci - ful Lord,

Father, Son, and Holy Spi - rit,

*People*

bless us and keep us.

A - men.

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