

St. James Episcopal Church

Midvale, UT

An Order for Compline

Wednesday

8:00pm

Compline is a simple office including a confession of sins, one or more psalms, a short reading from scripture, versicles and responses, the Lord's Prayer, collects which ask for God's protection during the night to come, and the canticle Nunc dimittis. It is descended from the night prayers said before bed at the end of the monastic round of daily prayer.



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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.

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 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.

The Officiant and the People then say together the following Psalm.

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 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 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 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; **
- 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.

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 a suitable passage of Scripture, is read

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*

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.

The Officiant then says this Collect

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.*

Officiant and People

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.

Officiant - You may add your intercessions and thanksgivings in the comments if you wish. A period of silence may be kept while attendees do so.

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

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

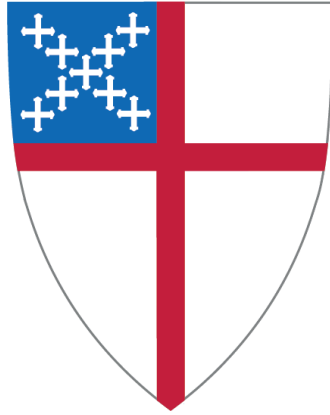
Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

People ***Amen.***

Thank you to Worship Leader, Laura Orcutt,
for leading this evening's Compline Service.



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