

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 4 *Cum invocarem*

- 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; **
speaking 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.

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

Officiant As it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. *1 Corinthians 2:9-12*

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.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

Give us this day our daily bread.

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

The Officiant then says this Collect

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.*

Officiant and People

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.

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.

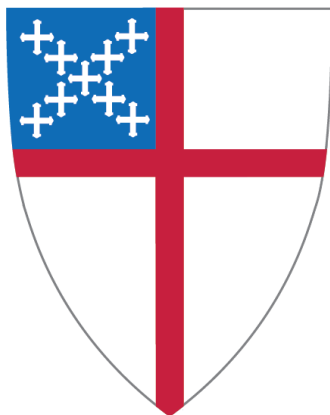
Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

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, Michael Brown,
for leading this evening's Compline Service.



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