**An Order for Compline \* November**

 The Officiant beginsBe still in God’s presence, and love and be loved.

***People*Be still in God’s presence, and love and be loved.**

Fall deep in the silence, the silence of God.

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*{a moment of silence}*

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.**

Officiant  Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;

its pride, its selfishness, its greed;

its evil distortions and hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what is wrong,

and our failure to seek and establish that peace

which God wills for all his children.

Officiant [with people speaking, but muted]
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.

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

The Officiant then says  O God, make speed to save us.
**People   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. Alleluia.**
**Psalm 4**  Cuminvocarem

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 134**  Eccenunc

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.

*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.**
One of the followingis 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.**

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

People   **Thanks be to God.**
*Officiant*.  Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
*People***.  For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.***Officiant*.  Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
*People*.  **Hide us under the shadow of your wings.**

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

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.

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**.

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 officiant concludes the intercessions and thanksgivings with

All this we pray to you, O God.

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

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

**I will lie down this night with God,
and God will lie down with me;
I will lie down this night with Christ,
and Christ will lie down with me;
I will lie down this night with the Spirit,
and the Spirit will lie down with me;
God and Christ and the Spirit,
be lying down with me.**

**\* The peace of God
be over me to shelter me,**

\* under me to uphold me,

**\* about me to protect me,**

\* behind me to direct me,

**\* ever with me to save me.**

Officiant       Let us bless the Lord.
People          **Thanks be to God.**
The Officiant concludes
**The peace of all peace
be ours this night
+ in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**