



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

An Order of Service for Compline

8 pm — Online Worship

You are welcome at
St. George's Church:
Regardless of race,
nationality,
sexual orientation,
gender expression,
or tradition.

An Order of Service for Compline

From:
The Book of Common Prayer
Resources from
The Episcopal Church

An introit and a hymn in procession may be sung

The officiant begins

BCP 127

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

People: Amen.

The officiant continues

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

An anthem may be sung

The officiant then sings

BCP 128

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.

Anthiphon

Have mercy on me, O God, and listen to my prayer.

Psalm 134

BCP 131

Behold not, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord.

You that stand by night in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord;

The Lord who made the heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

Psalm 4**BCP 128**

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
"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory?
How long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?
Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
When I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
Tremble then, and do not sin;
Speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
Offer the appointed sacrifices,
And put your trust in the Lord.
Many are saying, "O, that we might see better times!"
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
You have put gladness in my heart,
More than when grain and wine and oil increase.
I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
For only you Lord, make me dwell in safety.

The service then continues

BCP 128

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.

All repeat the antiphon

Have mercy on me, O God, and listen to my prayer.

A reading may be offered

Thanks be to God.

Te lucis ante terminum may be sung

Latin Text

Te lucis ante terminum,
rerum Creator, poscimus,
ut solita clementia
sis presul ad custodiam.
Procul recédant somnia
et noctium fantasmata;
hostemque nostrum comprime,
ne polluantur corpora.
Presta, Pater omnipotens,
per Iesum Christum Dominum,
qui tecum in perpetuum
regnat cum Sancto Spiritu.
Amen.

English Translation

*To Thee before the close of day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That, with Thy wonted favour, Thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.
From all ill dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Withhold from us our ghostly foe,
That spot of sin we may not know.
O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son,
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Doth live and reign eternally.
Amen.*

Then follows

BCP 132

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
And hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 132

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.

The officiant continues

BCP 133

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

A collect is sung

*The service concludes with the Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis)
with this Antiphon*

BCP 134

Antiphon

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

Latin Text

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine,
secundum verbum tuum in pace:
Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum
Quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum:
Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

English Translation

*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.*

All repeat the antiphon

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

The concluding versicle and blessing follow

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
The almighty and merciful Lord,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us.
Amen.

A hymn in recession may be sung

In this season of uncertainty and change, please know that although we cannot physically gather, God is ever-present. We are here too. If you would like someone to reach out and pray with you, please submit a request online (bit.ly/stgprayer) and if it is an emergency (for e.g. sudden illness, death), please contact the pastoral emergency phone (540.361.8573) where you will reach a clergy person on call. Know that we are holding you in our prayers and look forward to a time when we will be able to gather again. God's peace be with you.

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