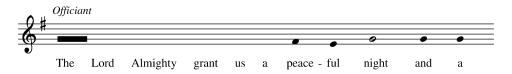
An Order for Compline

The Officiant begins







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

The Officiant may then say

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

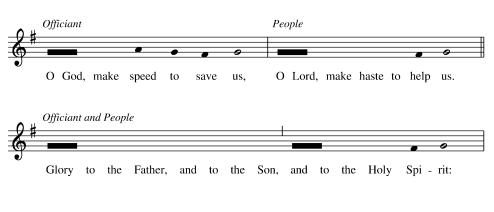
Officiant and People

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.*

The Officiant then says





One or more of Psalms are sung or said. Other suitable selections may be substituted.



- 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 sacrifices, * and put your / trust in thé Lord.
- 6 Many are saying,
 "Oh, that we might see bétter times!" *
 Lift up the light of your countenance up-/ on us, Ó Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my héart, * more than when grain and / wine and óil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fáll asleep; * for only you, Lord, make me / dwell in sáfety.

Glory to the Father, and to the Són, * and to the / Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is nów, and will be for / ever. Amen.

A scripture passage is said or chanted.

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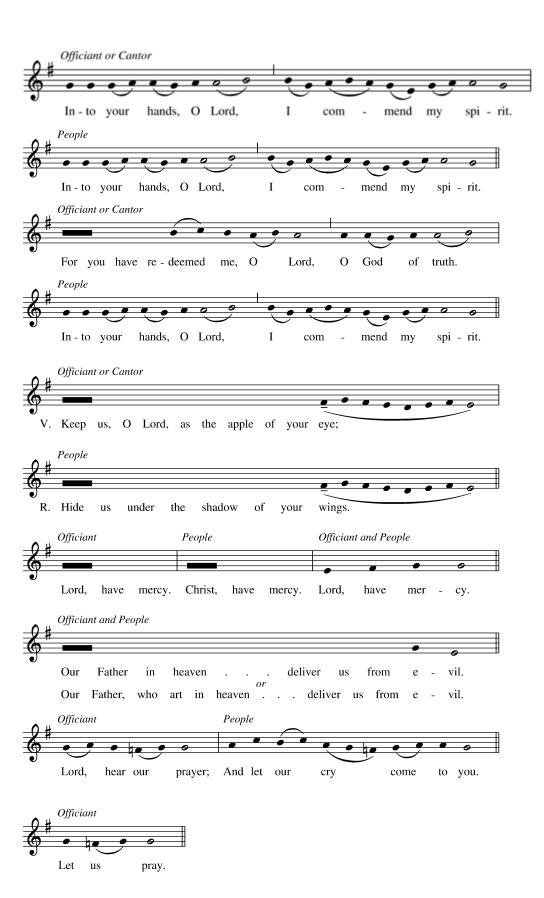
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The Officiant then says the following Collect

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.

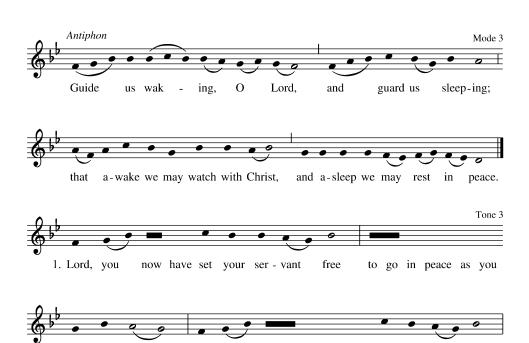
The following prayer may be added

have prom-ised;

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.

The service concludes with the Song of Simeon with this Antiphon, which is sung or said by all



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.









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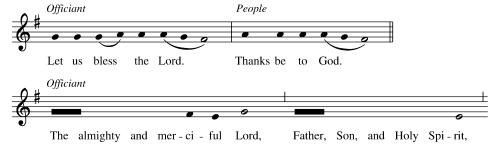
that a-wake we may watch with Christ, and a-sleep we may rest in peace.

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