

## An Order for Compline

*BCP 127*

*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* *BCP 128*

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

*The Officiant then says*

*People* O God, make speed to save us.  
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.

### **Psalm 4**

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory? \*

how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*

when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*

speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices \*

and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” \*

Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, \*

more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup> 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*      **BCP 131**

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.

*The following passage of Scripture is read*

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.

*Then follows*      **BCP 132**

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.      **BCP 133**  
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 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*      **BCP 134**

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.*

*The service concludes with the Song of Simeon with this Antiphon, which is sung or 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 \* **BCP 135**  
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.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The Officiant concludes*

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