

Welcome to the weekly live service of *Compline*,  
via Zoom, offered by St. John's Episcopal Church, Dubuque, Iowa, every Sunday at 8pm CST.

At St. John's, "Doubts are ok, questions are welcome, please, come as you are."

You won't be seen or heard during the service, yet you will be able to hear and see everything. You may pray aloud or in your heart the sections labeled people or all. A period of silence is held after the service which you are welcome to enjoy. The service lasts approximately ten minutes. Support this service and learn more about us, including our periodic, "Before *Compline*" interviews at <http://stjohnsdbq.org>

## An Order for Compline

*Our service follows Compline from the Book of Common Prayer (page. 127). A version of this book is used by Episcopal/Anglican Christians in more than 165 countries around the world.*

*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.

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

*People* O Lord, make haste to help us.

**All:** 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.*



**Psalm 31** *In te, Domine, speravi*

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.

**All:** 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.

**Scripture Reading - Matthew 11:28-30**

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.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

- 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.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,  
and 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 one of the following Collects*

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.*

*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*

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.

*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.*

