

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.

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## 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 4 *Cum invocarem*

- 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.

**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.

#### **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,  
but deliver us from evil.

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

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*

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 forever. 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.*

