

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."

Advent in a four-week preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ, November 27-December 24. 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 at stjohnsdbq.org

An Order for Compline – Advent 2022

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 Let us confess our sins to God.

All 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.*

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 91 *Qui habitat*

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 3 God shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.

- 4 God shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- 7 A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, *
but it shall not come near you.
- 8 Your eyes have only to behold * to see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For God shall give his angels charge over you, *to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.
- 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 - 1 Peter 5:8-9a

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith.

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.

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.*

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

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.

People 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.*