

AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE-ADVENT 2024

Thursdays at 7pm Zoom link is [here](#)

Officiant The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

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 for ever.

Psalm 80:1-7

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts, *how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

People Thanks be to God.

Prayers (Versicles and Responses are short sentences for worship, taken from the Psalms.

The officiant says the versicle and the people say the response)

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.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer (said by all)

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.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Song of Simeon-Nunc dimittis (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.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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

COMPLINE (from the Latin word meaning *completion*) is descended from the night prayers offered before bed at the end of the round of daily prayers said by monastic. Compline is a simple office which may include a confession of sins, psalms, a short reading from Scripture, versicles and responses, the Lord's Prayer, collects which ask for God's protection during the night to come, and the canticle *Nunc dimittis*. A hymn for the evening may follow the short reading from scripture. The collects may be followed by a time of silence, along with free intercessions and thanksgivings.

The service can be found beginning on page 127 in the *Book of Common Prayer*.