



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN VERMONT

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A few notes about tonight's service.

Please leave your microphone on mute during the responsory portions of the service. You are welcome to unmute yourself when you are invited to offer your prayers, then remember to mute it again when you have completed your prayer.

An Order for Compline

Novena for an election

The Officiant begins

May God Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.
Amen.

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Holy One;
People The maker of heaven and earth.

The Officiant may then say
Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

Officiant and People

Almighty God,
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 our Savior 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.*

The Officiant then says

O God, make speed to save us.

People O God, make haste to help us. Alleluia.

All Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

In unison **Psalm 134** *Ecce nunc*

1 Behold now, bless the God, all you servants of the God, *
you that stand by night in the house of God.

2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless God; *
God who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

At the end of the Psalms is said

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Scripture, is read

Be sober, be watchful. For your adversary the devil roams
about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Stand up to
the Devil as one strong in faith. *I Peter 5:8-9a*

People Thanks be to God.

V. Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit;

R. For you have redeemed me, O God of truth.

V. Keep us, O God, 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 loving God in heaven,

holy is your Name,

may your reign come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

Officiant God, 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 Savior. *Amen.*

Keep watch, dear God, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, O 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.*

O God of mercy, as we live in this pandemic, hear our hearts cry out for the loss of those who will never be mere numbers to us, for they are beloved members of our families.

We also ask you to bless all those now shouldering heavy financial burdens from so great a loss.

In the days ahead, we ask you to wrap loving arms around those whose burden of grief is heavy. You, alone, O God, can turn our mourning into dancing and our grief into joy over the sweet remembrance of our beloved. May you now rest their souls.

We pray that there will soon be a vaccine available to all your people. Through Jesus Christ our-Savior. *Amen.*

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered. **Please unmute yourself if you wish to share your***

prayer aloud. Remember to return your microphone to mute when you have completed your prayer.

The Officiant offers one or more concluding collects

For People Facing Uncertainty

God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to us all as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you. *Amen.*

OCT 27 Pray for the nation

God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OCT 30 Pray for these times of conflict

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The Song of Simeon with Antiphon, said by all

Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.

O God, 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 holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

All repeat the Antiphon

Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping; that awake we
may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Officiant May the divine help remain with us always.

People And with those who are absent from us.

The Supplication

For use especially in times of war, or of national anxiety, or of disaster.

Officiant O God, arise, help us;

People And deliver us for your Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our forebearers have declared to us, the noble works that you performed in their days, and in the time before them.

*O God, arise, help us;
and deliver us for your Name's sake.*

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*O God, arise, help us;
and deliver us for your Name's sake.*

V. From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

R. Graciously behold our afflictions.

V. With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

R. Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.

V. Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

R. O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

V. Both now and forever promise to hear us, O Christ;

R. Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Christ.

The Officiant concludes

Let us pray.

We humbly implore you, O God, to look mercifully upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of your Name, turn all that is evil from us that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy, and always serve you in holiness and pureness of living, to

your honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate,
Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The Officiant concludes

The almighty and merciful God, Creator, Redeemer and
Sustainer, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*

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