



*A ministry and community of prayer of
The Episcopal Diocese of Vermont*

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

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.

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

In unison **Psalm 31:1-5** *In te, Domine, speravi*

1 In you, O God, 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 God of truth.

At the end of the Psalm all say

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

Officiant

Come to me, all who labor and carry heavy burdens, and I will
give you rest. Take my yoke upon your shoulders, and learn
from me; for I am gentle and humble of heart. Here you will find

rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
Matthew 11:28-30

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.*

Together

Prayer for Racial Healing

Let us not look away, O God, from any truth we should see. Even if it is difficult, let us face the reality in which we live. We do not want to live inside a cosseted dream, imagining we are the ones who are always right, or believing only what we want to hear. Help us to see the world through other eyes, to listen to voices distant and different, to educate ourselves to the feelings of those with whom we think we have nothing in common. Break the shell of our indifference. Draw us out of our prejudices and show us your wide variety. Let us not look away, but always keep our gaze on your will and your Way, doing all that we can to bring about justice and peace for your beloved. All this we pray in Jesus' name. *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

God our judge and our companion,
we thank you for the good we did this day
and for all that has given us joy.
Everything we offer as our humble service.
Bless those with whom we have worked,
and those who are our concern. *Amen.*

*The service concludes with the Song of Simeon with this Antiphon,
which is 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 Officiant concludes

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

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Book of Common Prayer, Enriching Our Worship, Saint Helena Breviary, A New Zealand Prayer Book, Adapted from Let me not look away, Oh God by the Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston, Choctaw