



*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 134** *Ecce nunc*

1 Behold now, bless God, all you servants of 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 Psalm 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. *1 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.

*Together*

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*

**For Dismantling Racism**

Almighty God,  
Help us, to recognize the gravity of racial injustice,  
Shake us from our ignorance and open our eyes, O Christ.

When out of fear we are frozen into inaction,  
Give us a spirit of bravery, O Christ.  
When we think we are trying our best, but say the wrong things,  
Give us a spirit of humility, O Christ.  
When we feel separated from each other,  
Give us a lasting spirit of solidarity, O Christ.  
When it becomes easier to point fingers outward,  
Help us to examine our own hearts, O Christ.  
God of truth, in your wisdom, Enlighten Us.  
God of love, in your mercy, Forgive Us.  
God of hope in your kindness, Heal Us.  
Creator of All People, in your generosity, Guide Us.  
All this we pray in the unity of the One Holy and Undivided  
Trinity. 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*

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *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.*

*Liturgy created with the following resources:*

*Book of Common Prayer, Enriching Our Worship, Saint Helena Breviary, A New  
Zealand Prayer Book, Adapted from*

*<https://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org/prayers/racism/>*