



*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

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. 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 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

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.*

Officiant and People

For dismantling racism

Blessed Jesus, You revealed God through your wise words and loving deeds, and we encounter you still today in the faces of those whom society has pushed to the margins. Guide us, through the love you revealed, to establish the justice you proclaimed, that all people might dwell in harmony and peace, united by that one love that binds us to each other, and to you. 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.***

Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death and resurrection of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Savior. Into your hands, O God,

People We commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ. 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.

In Easter season, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

In Easter season, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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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