

An Order for Compline from the American Book of Common Prayer (Adapted)

The Leader begins: The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.
Amen.

Leader: Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
All: **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Only if the Office of Evening Prayer has not been said....

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father: 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 your Son our Lord 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.

All: May Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.
All: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Psalms appointed in the Lectionary are used if Evening Prayer has not been said – otherwise the two psalms which follow are said antiphonally

Psalm 4

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; * you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 **“You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory* how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”**

3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

4 **Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the Lord.

6 **Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us O Lord.**

7 You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 **I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; ***

for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 31

1 In you, O Lord, 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 Lord, O God of truth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Jesus said: Come to me, all who labour and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)

All: Lord help all who are burdened

Your prayers are offered at this time.....

Lord God, you are our rock and salvation, Emmanuel God with us – inspire and bless all our prayers offered for those living with the COVID-19 virus and especially those who are and may become critically ill. Enable our people to live responsibly though showing loving care for others so that we can, by your grace and power, curb and control the spread of this sickness, 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.

Then follows

Leader: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

All: For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Leader: Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

All: Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. **Amen.**