

# An Order for Compline

## St. Bede's Episcopal Church

*The Officiant begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. *Amen.*

*Officiant* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*People* **The maker of heaven and earth.**

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*A period of silence follows.*

*Deacon 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.*

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*People* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Officiant and People*

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

## **Psalm 134** *Ecce nunc*

- 1 Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, \*  
you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.
- 2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord; \*  
the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

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

### **1 John 1:5-7**

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

Lord, have mercy.

***Christ, have mercy.***

Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom 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*       Let us pray.

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 all pray together*

**Lord, it is night.**

**The night is for stillness.**

**Let us be in the presence of God.**

**It is night after a long day.**

**What has been done has been done;  
what has not been done has not been done.**

**Let it be.**

**The night is dark.**

**Let our fears of the darkness,  
of the world, and of our own lives rest in you.**

**The night is quiet.**

**Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,  
all dear to us, and all who have no peace.**

**The night heralds the dawn.**

**Let us look expectantly to a new day,  
new joys, new possibilities.**

**In your name we pray. *Amen.***

*Silence is kept, then free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

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

### **Blessing**

May the blessings of God rest upon us.

May God's peace abide in us.

May God's love illuminate our hearts.

Now and forever more. *Amen.*

*Deacon*      Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**