

# An Order for Compline

Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer



**B**atus vir  
q̄ non abiit  
in 2silio im  
pioꝝ: in  
via peccato  
rū nō stetit  
et in cathes  
dra pestilentie non sedit.

sed in lege domini volūtas  
eius ⁊ in lege eius meditabi  
tur die ac

Et erit  
plātatum  
a quarum  
dabit in tempoꝝ  
Et foliū ei⁹ nō defluet: ⁊ oīa  
quēcūq; faciet ꝑsperabūtur.  
Non sic impiū non sic: sed

tanq̄ puluis quē proicit ven  
tus a facie terre.

peribit. Psalmus. ii.

**Q**uare fremuerūt gen  
tes et populi meditati  
sunt inania.

Et stiteēt reges terre et ꝑiēs  
pes cōuenerūt in vnū: aduer  
sus dñm ⁊ aduersum xpm ei⁹.

Dirūpamus uicula eoy: et  
ꝑiēciam⁹ a nobis iugū iꝑoy.

**Q**ui hitat i celis iridebit.  
eos: et dñs sublannabit eos.

Et sic loq̄t ad eos in ira sua:  
et i furoꝝe suo 2turbabit eos

Et ego aut cōstitutus sum rex  
ab eo sup syō montē sanctū  
cuius predicās ꝑceptū eius.

**D**ñs dixit ad me fili⁹ meus  
es tu ego hodie genui te.

**P**ostula a me et dabo tibi  
gentes hereditatem tuam et  
possessionē tuā terminos tē.

**R**eges eos i uirga ferrea: et  
cogites eos

Et erit  
s ter tam  
in timoꝝe

Et apprehendite disciplinam  
nequando irascat dominus:  
et pereatis de uia iustā

## Welcome to Compline with the Emmaus Community!

The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (*completorium*). It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day.

The service consists primarily of sung prayers and hymns, interspersed with spoken prayers and a reading from scripture. Unfortunately, congregational singing is not currently permitted due to COVID-19.

Please leave the singing to the choir. Instead, we invite you to participate by reading spoken parts **in bold**. We look forward to singing with you at a later date.

At times you may notice people around you bowing, kneeling, standing, etc. These physical gestures are meant to engage our bodies in the act of prayer. You are invited join in (see *italicized* directions below) but please feel welcome to simply pray in stillness if that is your preference.

The language for this worship is derived from *The Book of Common Prayer* (1662). In some places, we have adapted the language to reflect a wider inclusivity and changes in language since that time. Elsewhere we have retained the language of the original text.

We acknowledge with humility that we worship on the unceded lands of the Songhees and Esquimalt people. We recognize the Church's complicity and participation in the residential school system and commit ourselves to the ongoing work of restorative justice, healing, and decolonization.

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## *An Order for Compline*

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*Bell x 3.*

*Choir:* The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night  
and a perfect end. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to you Source of all being,  
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;  
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

### **Psalmody**

*One of the following psalms are chanted:*

#### *Psalm 91*

1. Who so dwelleth under the defence of the Most  
High \*

Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2. I will say unto the Lord, 'Thou art my refuge and  
my stronghold; \*

My God in whom I will trust.'

3. For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the  
hunter, \*

And from the noisome pestilence.

4. He shall defend thee under his wings and though  
shalt be safe under his feathers; \*

His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

5. Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night, \*

Nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6. For the pestilence that walketh in darkness; \*  
Nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon day.

7. A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten  
thousand at thy right hand\*  
But it shall not come nigh thee.

8. Yea with thine eyes shalt thou behold, \*  
And see the reward of the ungodly.

9. Because thou hast said, 'The Lord is my refuge,' \*  
And hast made the Most High thy habitation,

10. There shall no evil happen unto thee, \*  
Neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, \*  
To keep thee in all thy ways.

12. They shall bear thee in their hands, \*  
That thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

13. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: \*  
The young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample  
under thy feet.

14. Because he hath set his love upon me therefore  
will I deliver him\*  
I will set him up because he hath known my Name.

15. He shall call upon me and I will hear him: \*  
Yea I am with him in trouble: I will deliver him and  
bring him to honour.

16. With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
And show him my salvation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son \*  
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, \*  
world without end. Amen.

Psalm 31: 1-6

1. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; \*  
Let me never be put to confusion; deliver me in thy  
righteousness.

2. Bow down thine ear to me; \*  
Make haste to deliver me.

3. And be thou my strong rock and house of defence\*  
That thou mayest save me.

4. For thou art my strong rock and my castle: \*  
Be thou also my guide and lead me for thy Name's  
sake.

5. Draw me out of the net that they have hidden for  
me; \*  
For thou art my strength.

6. Into thy hands I commend my spirit, \*  
For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of  
truth,

Glory be to the Father and to the Son \*  
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, \*  
world without end. Amen.

**Lesson**

*A short reading from scripture.*

*Response: ...***Thanks be to God.**

**Responses**

*Choir:* Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

For thou hast redeemed me,

O Lord thou God of truth; I commend my spirit.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son;

and to the Holy Ghost.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**Hymn: Te lucis ante terminum**

Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray,  
That with thy wonted favour thou  
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,  
From nightly fears and fantasies;  
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,  
That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,  
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;  
Who with the Holy Ghost and thee  
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

**Antiphon & Nunc Dimittus**

*Keep us as the apple of an eye;  
Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.*

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

Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace; \*  
According to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation; \*  
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all  
people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: \*  
And to be the glory of thy people Israel

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: \*  
And to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be \*  
World without end. Amen.

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

### **Apostles Creed**

*Stand, if desired.*

**People: I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified,  
dead, and buried: He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and  
the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy Catholic Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of Sins;  
the +Resurrection of the body  
And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Responses & Lord's Prayer**

*Choir: Let us pray. (Kneel, if desired.)*

Lord have mercy upon us.  
Christ have mercy upon us.  
Lord have mercy upon us.

*People:* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not unto temptation,  
but deliver from evil. Amen.**

*Officiant:* Blessed art thou, Lord God of our forebears;

*People:* **To be praised and glorified above all  
forever.**

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;  
**Let us praise and magnify God for ever.**

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;  
**To be praised and glorified above all for ever.**

The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and  
give us his blessing. **Amen.**

We confess to Almighty God, **the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in  
thought, word, and deed, through our own  
grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have  
mercy upon us.**

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all  
our sins and deliver us from all evil, confirm and  
strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life  
everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Officiant:* May the Almighty and most merciful Lord  
grant unto us pardon and remission of all our sins,  
time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort  
of the Holy Spirit.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Choir:* Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us; \*  
That thy people may rejoice in thee?  
O Lord show thy mercy upon us; \* And grant us thy  
salvation.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin. \*  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, hear our prayer. \*  
And let our cry come unto thee.

### **Collects**

*Collect(s) for the Day.*

*Response: **Amen.***

*Collect for Protection*

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy; let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and may thy blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Collect for Aid against all Perils*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **Prayers & Final Responses**

### *Night Prayer – from A New Zealand Prayer Book*

Lord,  
it is night.

The night is for stillness.  
Let us be still 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.**

*One or more of the following prayers may be said:*  
Look down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne,  
illuminate the darkness of this night with thy  
celestial brightness, and from the sons of light banish  
the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen.**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Responses

*Choir:* We will lay us down in peace and take our rest\*  
For it is thou Lord only that makest us dwell in safety.

The Lord be with you; \*  
And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord; \*  
Thanks be to God.

*Officiant:* Almighty and Merciful God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. **Amen.**

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*You are invited to continue to pray or depart in silence.*

*When leaving, please drop your extinguished candle in the "USED" box so it can be sanitized and re-used. The box is located near the exit at the back of the church, opposite the entrance.*

*Thank you for joining us! We hope to see you again on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.*

*Visit our website to learn more about the Emmaus Community: [www.emmauscommunity.ca](http://www.emmauscommunity.ca)*

*We gather for worship with our broader community on Sundays at 4pm. You can learn about AbbeyChurch here: [www.abbeychurch.ca](http://www.abbeychurch.ca)*

*May the peace of God be with you, this night and always.*

