

## An Order for Compline

(9/9/20)

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

Officiant      Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
People          **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Officiant      Let us confess our sins to God.  
People          **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.**

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

Officiant      O God, make speed to save us.  
People          **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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

(One of the following is read)

### *Psalm 47*

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*  
shout to God with a cry of joy.*
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; \*  
he is the great King over all the earth.*
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, \*  
and the nations under our feet.*
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, \*  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.*
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, \*  
the Lord with the sound of the ram 's-horn.*
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.*
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; \*  
sing praises with all your skill.*
- 8 God reigns over the nations; \*  
God sits upon his holy throne.*
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \*  
with the people of the God of Abraham.*
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, \*  
and he is highly exalted.*

## **Psalm 65**

**1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*  
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.**

**2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*  
because of their transgressions.**

**3 Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
but you will blot them out.**

**4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! \*  
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

**5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,  
\* O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.**

**6 You make fast the mountains by your power; \*  
they are girded about with might.**

**7 You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples**

**8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; \*  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

**9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.**

**10 You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.**

**11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

**12 You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.**

**13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

**14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.**

## **Psalm 92**

**1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;**

**2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;**

**3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.**

**4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

**5 Lord, how great are your works! \*  
your thoughts are very deep.**

**6 The dullard does not know, nor does the fool understand, \*  
that though the wicked grow like weeds, and all the workers of iniquity flourish,**

**7 They flourish only to be destroyed for ever; \***

*but you, O Lord, are exalted for evermore.*

*8 For lo, your enemies, O Lord, lo, your enemies shall perish, \*  
and all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.*

*9 But my horn you have exalted like the horns of wild bulls; \*  
I am anointed with fresh oil.*

*10 My eyes also gloat over my enemies, \*  
and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of the wicked who rise up against me.*

*11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.*

*12 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;*

*13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;*

*14 That they may show how upright the Lord is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.*

### **Psalm 96**

*1 Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.*

*2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.*

*3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.*

*4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.*

*5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.*

*6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!*

*7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.*

*8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.*

*9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.*

*10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."*

*11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.*

*12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.*

*13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.*

**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.**

**(One of the following is then read)**

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. (II Corinthians 5:6-10)

Since you are precious and honored in my sight,  
and because I love you,  
I will give people in exchange for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not be afraid, for I am with you;  
I will bring your children from the east  
and gather you from the west.  
I will say to the north, 'Give them up!'  
and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.'  
Bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the ends of the earth—  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."  
(Isaiah 43:4-7)

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.  
(Matthew 6:25-27, 33-34)

For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.  
(Romans 12:4-8)

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight.  
(Luke 24:28-31)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

(John 20:19-31)

Officiant Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;  
**Response** ***For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.***

Officiant Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;  
**Response** ***Hide us under the shadow of your wings.***

Officiant Lord, have mercy.  
**Response** ***Christ, have mercy.***  
Officiant Lord, have mercy.

**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 into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;  
**Response** ***And let our cry come to you.***  
Officiant Let us pray.

(One or more of the following collects is said.)

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 Lord. Amen.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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 Lord. Amen.

