



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Instructions: The designated Officiant and Respondent should have their microphones on and unmuted. All other participants should have their microphones on mute while still praying the responses aloud. The Respondent reads all parts designated for "People" or "All". The Officiant and Respondent read the Psalm chosen by the Officiant responsively.

An Order for Compline

Opening Acclamations and Confession

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

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.

The Psalm

The Officiant selects the psalm to be prayed.

Officiant Let us recite the Psalm [*number selected*] responsively by whole verse.

Psalm 4

Officiant 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.

All "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

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

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

Officiant Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the LORD.

All Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

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

All I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 31

Officiant In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

All Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

Officiant 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.

All Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

Officiant Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

Psalm 134

Officiant Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, *
you that stand by night in the house of the LORD.

All Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; *
the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

At the end of the Psalm is the Gloria Patri is said.

All 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.

The Lesson

The Officiant reads one of the following lessons or the Gospel lesson from the lectionary for that day for Evening Prayer.

Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God.

Jeremiah 14:9,22

Come to me, all who labor 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

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Hebrews 13:20-21

At the end of the lesson, the following is said.

All Thanks be to God.

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Officiant Let us recite the Song of Mary together in unison.
All My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty. of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
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.

The Prayers

Officiant Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
People For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
Officiant Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
People Hide us under the shadow of your wings.
Officiant Lord, have mercy.
People Christ, have mercy.
Officiant Lord, have mercy.
All 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.
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 Lord.
People Amen.

Officiant 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.

People Amen.

Officiant I now invite you to offer your petitions, intercessions, and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Silence may be kept and free intercessions offered.

Officiant Lord in your mercy;

People Hear our prayer.

The Song of Simeon (with Antiphon)

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

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

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

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

All Amen.