


# An Order for Compline

## [A SUNG RENDITION]

*Officiant*



The Lord Almighty grant us a peace - ful night and a

*People*



per - fect end. A - men.

*Officiant* *People*



Our help is in the name of the Lord; The maker of heaven and earth.

*The Officiant continues with "O God, make speed to save us," or with the following Confession of Sin.*

*Officiant*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and 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. Amen.

*Officiant* *People*

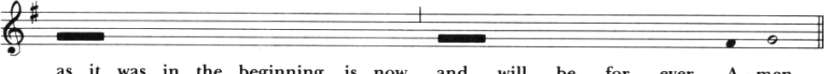


O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi-rit:



as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A-men.

*Except in Lent, add:*



Al - le - lu - ia.

*One or more of the following Psalms is sung. Other suitable selections may be substituted.*

**Psalm 4** *Cum invocarem*



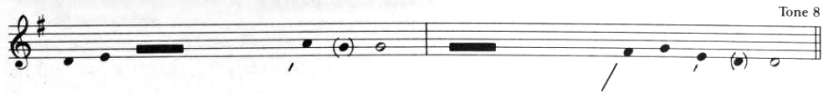
Tone 8

- 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 héar my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glóry? \*  
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.

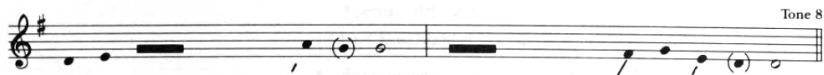
Psalm 31 *In te, Domine, speravi*



- 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.



Psalm 134 *Ecce nunc*



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

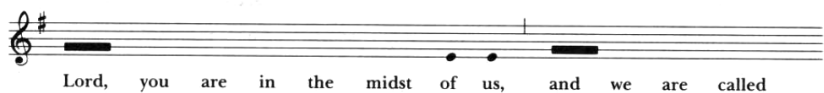
*At the end of the Psalms, or after each Psalm, is sung*



Glory to the Father, and to the Són \*  
and to the / Holy Spírit:  
As it was in the beginning, is nów \*  
and will be for / ever. Ámen.

*One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is sung*

Jeremiah 14:9, 22



Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called

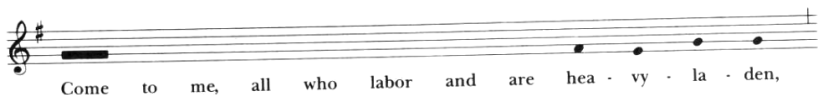


by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God.

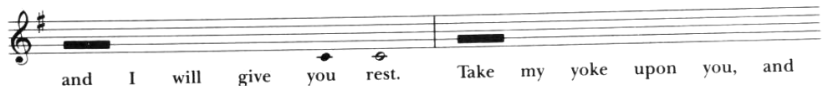


Thanks be to God.

Matthew 11:28-30



Come to me, all who labor and are hea - vy - la - den,



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.

*People*  
Thanks be to God.

### Hebrews 13:20-21

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 e - ter - nal cov - e - nant, equip you with

everything good that you may do his will, working in you

that which is pleasing in his sight; through Je - sus Christ,

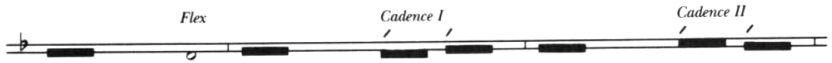
to whom be glory for ever and ev - er.

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Thanks be to God.





The Officiant then sings the following Collect, using this structure:



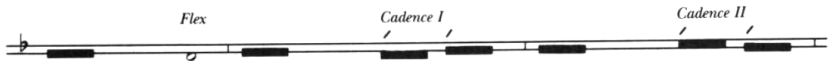
The flex is used at the end of the opening phrase, if it is long enough; otherwise it is omitted. Cadence I and cadence II are used at the ends of significant phrases within the prayer. One or both of the cadences is repeated when the length of the prayer permits. In both cadences, the movement from one pitch to another takes place on a heavily accented syllable.

Collects which have a long ending are concluded as follows: flex (on the phrase "through Jesus Christ our Lord"), cadence II, cadence I.

Collects which have a short ending are concluded with cadence I.

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.*

The following prayer may be added:



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.*


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

The service concludes with the Song of Simeon with this Antiphon, which is sung by all

*Antiphon* Mode 3



Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep-ing;




that a-wake we may watch with Christ, and a-sleep we may rest in peace.

*In Easter Season, add:*




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

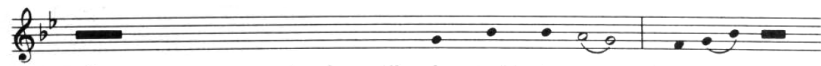
Tone 3



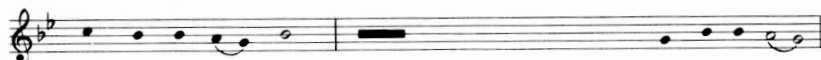
1. Lord, you now have set your ser - vant free to go in peace as you




have prom - ised; 2. For these eyes of mine have seen the Sav - ior,




whom you prepared for all the world to see: 3. A Light to en -



light - en the na - tions, and the glory of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]



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