

# St. James Episcopal Church

Midvale, UT

## An Order for Compline

Wednesday

8:00pm

**Compline** is a simple office including a confession of sins, one or more psalms, a short reading from scripture, versicles and responses, the Lord's Prayer, collects which ask for God's protection during the night to come, and the canticle Nunc dimittis. It is descended from the night prayers said before bed at the end of the monastic round of daily prayer.



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*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 Officiant may then say*

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* 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. Alleluia.**

*The Officiant and the People then say together the following Psalm.*

**Psalm 4** *Cum invocarem*

- 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 hear my prayer.*
- 2 *"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \**  
*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.*

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

*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 or a suitable passage of Scripture, is read*

*Officiant* 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*

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

*Then follows*

V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

R. **For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

R. **Hide us under the shadow of your wings.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant and 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;

*People* **And let our cry come to you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The Officiant then says this Collect*

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.*

*Officiant and People*

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.*

*Officiant - You may add your intercessions and thanksgivings in the comments if you wish. A period of silence may be kept while attendees do so.*

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

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

**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.**

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and asleep we may rest in peace.**

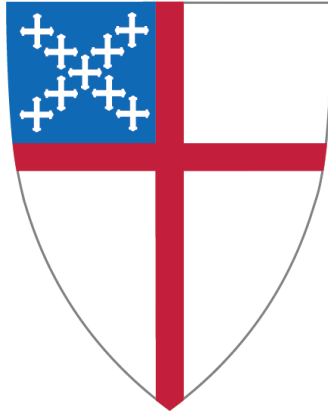
*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

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

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

*People* **Amen.**

Thank you to Worship Leader, Laura Orcutt,  
for leading this evening's Compline Service.



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