An Order for Compline

The Officiant begins



N The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.





V Our help is in the Name of the Lord; R 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.*

The Officiant then says



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



N Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit: R as it



was in the be-ginning, is now, and will be for ev-er. Amen. Alle-lu-ia.

One or more of the following Psalms are sung or said. Other suitable selections may be substituted.

Psalm 4 Cum invocarum



Answer me when I call, O God, de-fender 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 af ter false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the *faith*ful; * when I call upon the LORD, *he* will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not *sin*; * speak to your heart in silence *up*on your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed *sac*rifices * and put your *trust* in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying,
 "Oh, that we might see *bet*ter 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



In you, O Lord, have I taken ref-uge; let me nev-er be put to shame: *



de-liv-er 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 *strong*hold; * 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 *t*ower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, * for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

Psalm 91 Qui habitat



He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High * a-bides under the



shadow of the Almighty.

- 2 He shall say to the LORD,
- "You are my refuge and my *strong*hold, * my God in *whom* I put my trust."
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the *hun*ter * and from the *dead*ly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his *wings*; * his faithfulness shall be a *shield* and buckler.

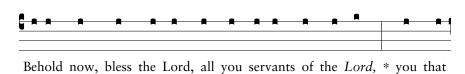
5	You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
	nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the *dark*ness, * nor of the sickness that lays *waste* at mid-day.

7	A thousand shall fall at your side
	and ten thousand at your right hand, *
	but it shall <i>not</i> come near you.

- 8 Your eyes have only to be*hold* * to see the reward *of* the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your *re*fuge, * and the Most High your *habitation*,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to *you*, * neither shall any plague come *near* your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels *charge* over you, * to keep *you* in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their *hands*, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and the *ad*der; * you shall trample the young lion and the serpent un*der* your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love therefore will I de*liv*er him; * I will protect him, be*cause* he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will *ans*wer him; *I am with him in trouble;I will rescue him and bring *him* to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy *him*, * and show him *my* salvation.

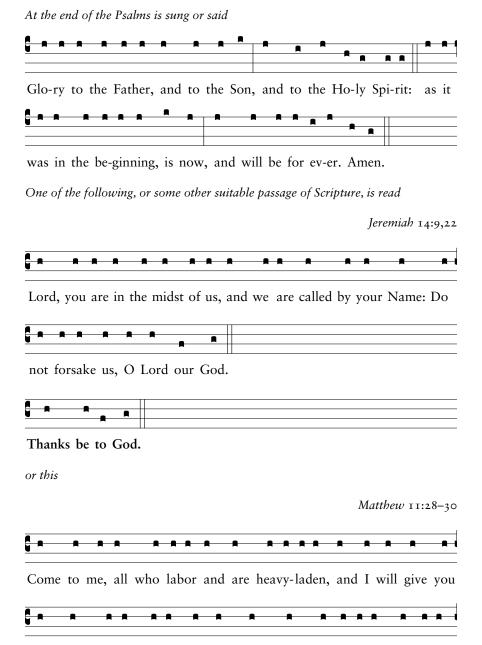
Psalm 134 Ecce nunc



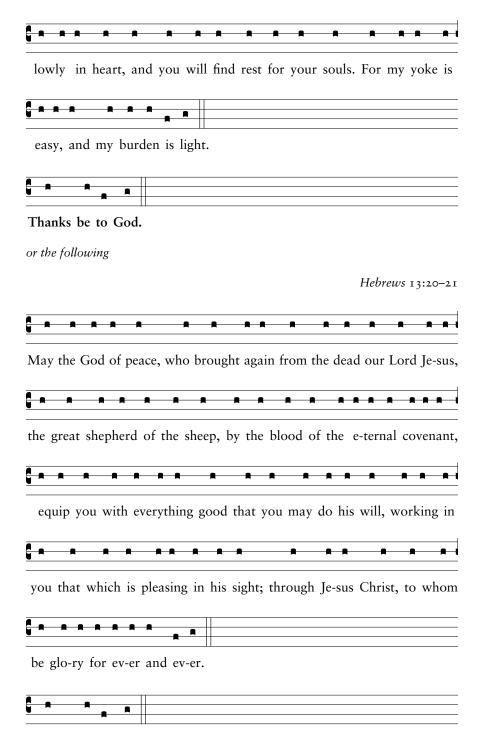


stand by night in the *house* of the Lord.

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



rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and



Thanks be to God.

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.

or this

1 Peter 14:9,22



Be sober, be watchful. Your adversar-y the dev-il prowls around like a



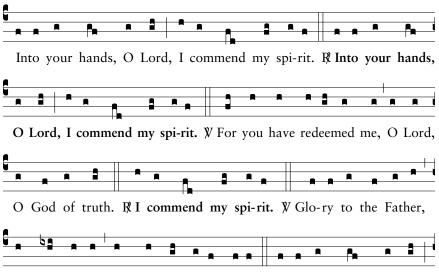
roaring li- on, seeking someone to devour. Re-sist him, firm in your faith.



Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

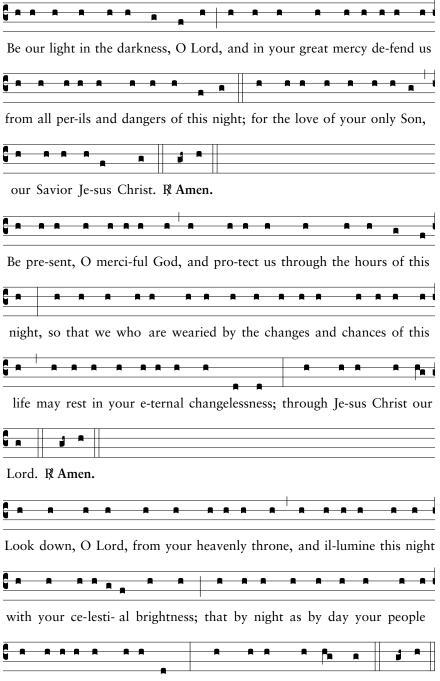
Then follows



and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit. R Into your hands, O Lord,



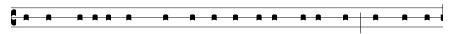
Lord, hear our prayer; R And let our cry come to you. V Let us pray.



may glo-ri-fy your ho-ly Name; through Je-sus Christ our Lord. R Amen.



Vis-it this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy;



let your ho-ly angels dwell with us to pre-serve us in peace; and let your



blessing be upon us always; through Je-sus Christ our Lord. R Amen.

A Collect for Saturdays

We give you thanks, O God, for revealing your Son Jesus Christ to us by the light of his resurrection: Grant that as we sing your glory at the close of this day, our joy may abound in the morning as we celebrate the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

One of the following prayers 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*.

or this

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*.

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

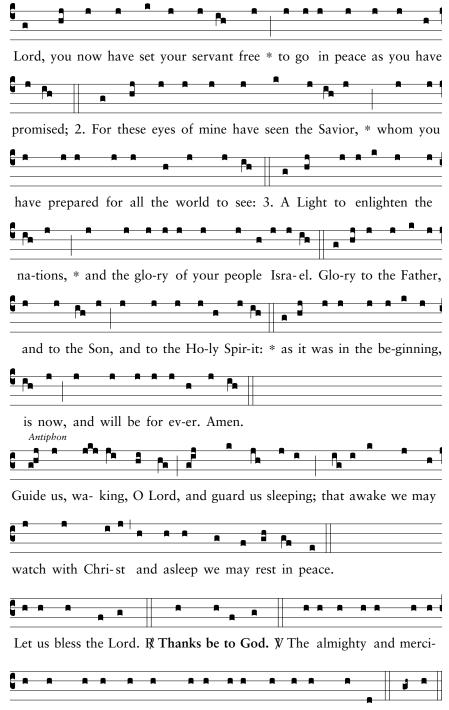
The service concludes with the Song of Simeon with this Antiphon, which is sung or said by all



Guide us, wa- king, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may



watch with Chri-st and asleep we may rest in peace.



ful Lord, Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it, bless us and keep us. R Amen.