

# St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

## An Order for Compline from the Book of Common Prayer

*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.*

*The Officiant then says*

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.

*The following Psalms is said.*

**Psalm 31** *In te, Domine, speravi*

**Psalm 31: 1-5**

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

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

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.

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

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

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 some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read*

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*

*People*     ***Thanks be to God.***

*or this*

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 in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*Officiant* Lord, hear our prayer;

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The Officiant then says one of the following Collects*

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.**

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; 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.**

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

*The service concludes with the Song of Simeon with this Antiphon.*

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.

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

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

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

*The Officiant concludes*

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