



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN VERMONT
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Welcome to Compline
with the Green Mountain Online Abbey
of the
Episcopal Diocese of Vermont.

A few notes about tonight's service.

Please leave your microphone on mute during the responsory portions of the service. You are welcome to unmute yourself when you are invited to offer your prayers, then remember to mute it again when you have completed your prayer.

An Order for Compline

The Officiant begins

May God Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.
Amen.

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Holy One;

People The maker of heaven and earth.

The Officiant may then say

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

Officiant and People

Almighty God,

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 our Savior 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 God, make haste to help us. Alleluia.

All Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

In unison

A Song of Mercy and Truth *Psalm 85.6,7,9-11,13*

O God, will you not give us life again, *

that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your mercy, O God, *

and grant us your salvation.

Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear you, *
that your glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together, *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
Truth shall spring up from the earth *
and righteousness look down from heaven.

Righteousness shall go before you *
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

Scripture is read

The One who is to come is near; have no anxiety, but in everything make your requests known to God in prayer and petition, with thanksgiving. *Philippians 4:6*

People Thanks be to God.

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

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

V. Keep us, O God, 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 loving God in heaven,
holy is your Name,
may your reign 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.

Officiant God, 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 Savior. *Amen.*

Keep watch, dear God, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, O 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.*

For the well-being of our country:
I bid your prayers for all those who continue to be in harms'
way from severe weather - hurricanes, floods, and fires.
Christ, in your mercy,
hear our prayers.

I bid your prayers for the migrants who are incarcerated on the Border and the children who were separated from their families, that they be reunited. Christ, in your mercy,
hear our prayers.

I bid your prayers for all who are suffering from COVID-19 and for their caregivers and those who love them. Pray for our hospitals, suppliers, first-responders, essential workers, caregivers, families, and the patients themselves. Pray for the world as the pandemic still rages. Pray for the repose of the souls of the people who have died from COVID-19. Pray especially for the depoliticization of the response in our own country. May sanity and healing prevail. Christ, in your mercy,
hear our prayers.

I bid your prayers for a peaceful transition in governmental leadership at all levels. May the founding principles of democracy resurface in renewed strength. Christ, in your mercy,
hear our prayers.

I bid your prayers for our weary souls in this time of such uncertainty, loss and sadness. I pray that we would also remember and be strengthened by your presence O God, the abundance of your grace and the simple blessings of life. Christ, in your mercy,
hear our prayers.

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered. Please unmute yourself if you wish to share your prayer aloud. Remember to return your microphone to mute when you have completed your prayer.

The Officiant offers one or more concluding collects

A Collect for Advent

Stir up your power, O Holy One, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Savior, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For People Facing Uncertainty

God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to us all as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you. *Amen.*

The service concludes with the Song of Simeon

Antiphon

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

O God, 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 holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon

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

Officiant May the divine help remain with us always.

People And with those who are absent from us.

The Officiant concludes

The almighty and merciful God, Creator, Redeemer and
Sustainer, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*

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