

AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. *℞.* Amen.

Brethren, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith. (1 Peter 5: 8, 9)

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
℞. Thanks be to God.

℣. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
℞. Who hath made heaven and earth.

There follows an examination of conscience, or the Our Father said silently.

We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

℣. Turn us then, O God our Savior.
℞. And let thine anger cease from us.

℣. O God, make speed to save us.

℞. O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the

beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Alleluia. *Or:* Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

Psalms

(One or more of the following are sung)

Antiphon: *Miserere mihi Domine*
Have mercy upon me, O God, and hearken unto my prayer.

Psalm 4 *Cum invocarem*

1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: / thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

2 O ye children of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honor, / and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?

3 Know this also, that the LORD hath chosen to himself the one that is godly; / when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not; / commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, / and put your trust in the LORD.

6 There be many that say, 'Who will show us any good?' / LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart, / more than when others' grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; / for it is thou, LORD, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm 31: 1-6 *In te, Domine, speravi*

1 In thee, O LORD, have I put my trust;
/ let me never be put to confusion; deliver
me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me; / make
haste to deliver me,

3 And be thou my strong rock and house
of defense, / that thou mayest save me.

4 For thou art my strong rock and my castle:
/ be thou also my guide, and lead me
for thy Name's sake.

5 Draw me out of the net that they have
hidden for me; / for thou art my strength.

6 Into thy hands I commend my spirit; /
for thou hast redeemed me, O LORD,
thou God of truth.

Psalm 91 *Qui habitat*

1 Whoso dwelleth under the defense of
the Most High / shall abide under the
shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say unto the LORD, "Thou art my
hope and my stronghold; / my God in
whom I will trust."

3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare
of the hunter, / and from the noisome
pestilence.

4 He shall defend thee under his wings,
and thou shalt be safe under his feathers;
/ his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror
by night, / nor for the arrow that flieth by
day;

6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness,
/ nor for the sickness that destroyeth
in the noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall beside thee, and
ten thousand at thy right hand; / but it
shall not come nigh thee.

8 Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold, /
and see the reward of the ungodly.

9 Because thou hast said, "The LORD is
my refuge", / and hast made the Most
High thy habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen unto thee, /
neither shall any plague come nigh thy
dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over
thee, / to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee in their hands, /
that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder:
/ the young lion and the dragon shalt
thou trample under thy feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me,
therefore will I deliver him; / I will set
him up, because he hath known my
Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will hear
him: / yea, I am with him in trouble; I will
deliver him, and bring him to honour.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, / and
show him my salvation.

Psalm 134 *Ecce nunc*

1 Behold now, praise the LORD, / all ye
servants of the LORD;

2 Ye that by night stand in the house of
the Lord, / even in the courts of the
house of our God.

3 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, /
and praise the LORD.

4 The LORD that made heaven and earth
/ give thee blessing out of Sion.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, /
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and
ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

Antiphon: *Miserere mihi Domine*

The Little Chapter
Jeremiah 14: 9

Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy Name; leave us not, O Lord our God.

℞. Thanks be to God.

Hymn: *Te lucis ante terminum*

To thee before the close of day, / Creator of the world, we pray / That with thy wonted favor thou / Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes, / From nightly fears and fantasies; / Tread under foot our ghostly foe, / That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done, / Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son; / Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee, / Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

Responsory: *In manus tuas*

℣. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

℞. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

℣. For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth;

℞. I commend my spirit.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

℞. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

℣. Keep us as the apple of an eye;

℞. Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.

Canticle: *Nunc Dimittis*

Antiphon: *Salva Nos*

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

Canticle of Simeon - Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, / according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, / which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, / and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

Antiphon: *Salva Nos*

Prayers

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. Amen.

℣. Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers;

℞. To be praised and glorified above all forever.

℣. Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

℞. Let us praise him and magnify him forever.

℣. Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;

℞. To be praised and glorified above all forever.

℣. The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing.

℞. Amen.

℣. Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;

℞. That thy people may rejoice in thee?

℣. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

℞. And grant us thy salvation.

℣. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin;

℞. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

℣. O Lord, hear our prayer;

℞. And let our cry come unto thee.

℣. Let us pray.

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy; let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and may thy blessing

be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ℞. Amen.

℣. O Lord, hear our prayer;

℞. And let our cry come unto thee.

℣. Let us bless the Lord.

℞. Thanks be to God.

Benediction

℣. The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and preserve us.

℞. Amen.

Votive Antiphon

(Here follows an antiphon, motet, or anthem appropriate to the day or season.)

About Compline at First Lutheran

Compline is the final office of the canonical hours. It offers a time of stillness, prayer, and quiet contemplation as we prepare for the end of the day.

Our order of compline adheres closely to the Roman Rite, but also borrows generously from Anglican, Sarum, and Lutheran sources.