

THE DIVINE OFFICE AT COMPLINE



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If Compline is sung in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, the following prayers are said.

Kneel

O SACRED BANQUET, in which Christ becomes our food, the memory of his Passion is celebrated, the soul is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

℣. You gave them bread from heaven.

℟. **Containing every blessing.**

Let us pray. O God in this wonderful Sacrament, you have left us a memorial of your Passion. Help us, we beg you, so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may constantly feel within our lives the effects of your redemption. You who live and reign forever.

℟. **Amen**

Compline begins with the following verse and response. The celebrant, making the sign of the Cross sings, "O God come to my assistance," and the congregation, likewise making the sign of the Cross, then joins in:

Stand.

O God, come to my as - sist - ance.

* O Lord, make haste to help me. Glory to the Father and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spir - it: as it was in the beginning is now,

and will be forever. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the melody for "O God, come to my assistance." The second staff contains the melody for the response "* O Lord, make haste to help me. Glory to the Father and to the Son,". The third staff contains the melody for "and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning is now,". The fourth staff contains the melody for "and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.".

All pause for a silent examination of conscience.

Kneel.

I CONFESS to almighty God, to blessed Mary ever-virgin, to blessed Dominic our Father, and to all the saints, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault: in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do. I beseech you to pray for me.

℣. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, keep us safe and strengthen us in every good work, and bring us to everlasting life.

℟. **Amen**

HYMN

Stand.



1. All praise to thee, my God, this night,
2. For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
3. O may my soul on thee re - pose,
4. Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow,



For all the bless - ings of the light:
The ill that I this day have done,
And with sweet sleep mine eye - lids close
Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;



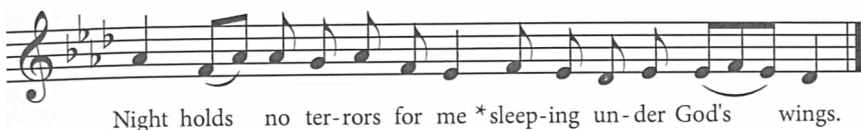
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
That with the world, my - self, and thee,
Sleep that shall me more vi - g'rous make
Praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host:



Be - neath thine own al - might - y wings.
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
To serve my God when I a - wake.
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

PSALMODY

After the cantor begins the antiphon, all join in. Then the cantor sings the first line of the psalm according to the given psalm tone. The right side of the church joins in for the second line of the couplet. The left side of the church sings the second couplet in a similar way. The two sides of the church continue to alternate while singing the psalm. All bow for the lines, "Glory to the Father . . ." and rise at, "as it was in the beginning . . ."



PSALM 91

Safe in God's Sheltering Care

He who dwells in the shelter of **the** Most High *
and abides in the shade of the **al**mighty.
says to the **Lord**: "My refuge, *
my stronghold, my God in whom **I** trust.

It is he who will free you **from** the snare *
of the fowler who seeks to **de**stroy you;
he will conceal you **with** his pinions *
and under his wings you will **find** refuge.

You will not fear the terror **of** the night *
nor the arrow that flies **by** day,
nor the plague that prowls **in** the darkness *
nor the scourge that lays waste **at** noon.

A thousand may fall **at** your side, *
ten thousand fall at **your** right,
you, it will **never** approach; *
his faithfulness is buckler **and** shield.

Your eyes have **only** to look *
to see how the wicked are **repaid**.
You who have said: "**Lord**, my refuge!" *
and have made the Most High **your** dwelling.

Upon you no **evil** shall fall, *
no plague approach where **you** dwell.
For you has he **commanded** his angels, *
to keep you in all **your** ways.

They shall bear you **upon** their hands *
lest you strike your foot against **a** stone.
On the lion and the viper **you** will tread *
and trample the young lion and **the** dragon.

Since he clings to me in love, **I** will free him; *
protect him for he knows **my** name.
When he calls I shall answer: "**I** am with you." *
I will save him in distress and give **him** glory.

With length of life I **will** content him; *
I shall let him see my **saving** power.

Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son, *
and to the **Holy** Spirit,
as it was in the **beginning**, is now, *
and will be forever. **Amen**.

READING

Rev. 22:4-5

THEY shall see the Lord face to face and bear his name on their foreheads. The night shall be no more. They will need no light from lamps or the sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever.

RESPONSORY



℞ In - to your hands, Lord, I com-mend my spir - it.



℣ You have re-deemed us, Lord God of truth. ℞ I com-mend my spir-it.



℣ Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir-it.



℞ In - to your hands, Lord, I com-mend my spir - it.



GOSPEL CANTICLE

The antiphon "Protect us Lord" and the canticle "Lord, now you let your servant" are sung in the same way as the psalm.

Pro - tect us, Lord, as we stay a - wake;
* watch o - ver us as we sleep,
that a - wake, we may keep watch with Christ,
and a - sleep, rest in his peace. [T.P. Al - le - lu - ia.]

Lord, now you let your servant **go** in peace; *
your word has been **fulfilled**:
my own eyes have seen **the** salvation *
which you have prepared in the sight of **every** people:
a light to reveal you **to** 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 begin**ning**, is now, *
and will be forever. **Amen**.

Then the antiphon "Protect us, Lord" is repeated.

COLLECT

For Sundays:

LORD, we have celebrated today the mystery of the rising of Christ to new life.† May we now rest in your peace, safe from all that could harm us, and rise again refreshed and joyful, * to praise you throughout another day. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

R. Amen.

For other days:

LORD, we beg you to visit this house and banish from it all the deadly power of the enemy.† May your holy angels dwell here to keep us in peace, * and may your blessing be upon us always. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

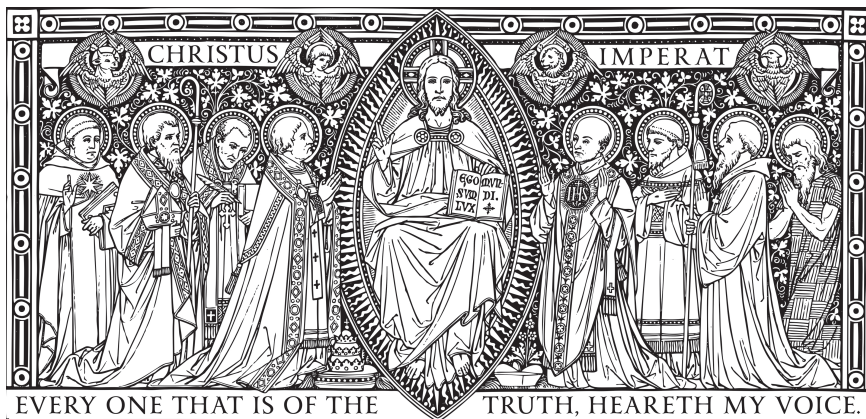
R. Amen.

Then to conclude:

✠. May the all-powerful Lord grant us a restful night and a peaceful death.

R. Amen.

Compline ends with the antiphons "Salve, Regina" in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and "O Lumen Ecclesiae" in honor of S. Dominic.



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al- ve Re- gí- na, Ma-ter mi-se-ri-córdi- æ: Vi-

ta, dul- cé- do et spes nostra, sal- ve. Ad te clamá-

mus éxsu-les fí-li-i Ev- æ. Ad te suspi-rá- mus, geméntes,

et flen- tes in hac lacri-má-rum val- le. E-ia ergo advo-

cá- ta nostra, il-los tu- os mi-se-ri-cór- des ó-cu-los

ad nos con-vér- te; Et Je-sum, be-ne-díc- tum fructum ventris

tu- i, no-bis post hoc ex-í- li- um o- sténde. O cle- mens,

O pi- a, O dul-cis Virgo Ma-rí- a. T.P. Alle-

lú- ia.

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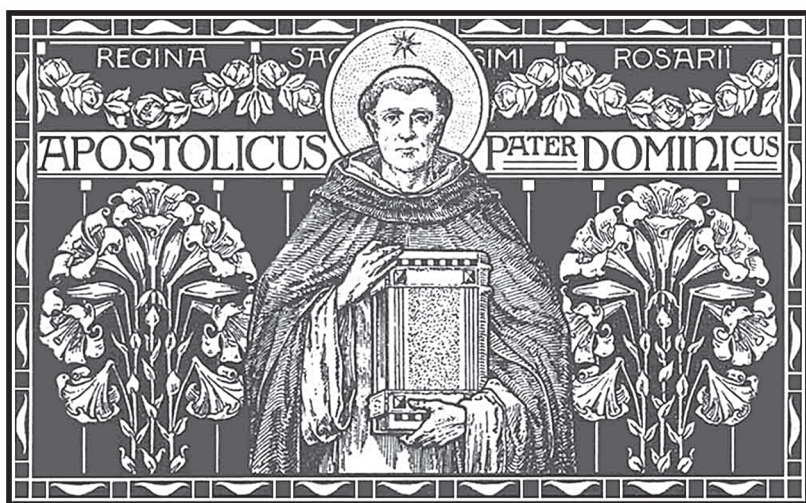
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lu-men Ec-clé-si-æ, Do-ctor ve-ri-tá-

tis, Ro-sa pa-ti-én-ti-æ, E-bur casti-tá-tis, A-

quam sa-pi-én-ti-æ pro-pi-násti gra-tis: Præ-di-cá-tor grá-ti-

æ, nos junge be-á-tis. T.P. Al-le-lú-ia.





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