An Order for Compline

*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,

*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 forever. Amen.

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

The following Psalm is said.

Psalm 91 Qui habitat

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High * abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, * my God in whom I put my trust."

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter * and from the deadly 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 darkness, * 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 not come near you.

8 Your eyes only have to behold * to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, * 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 adder; *  
   you shall trample the young lion and the serpent  
   under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love,  
   therefore will I deliver him; *  
   I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer 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.

At the end of the Psalms is said

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.

The following passage of Scripture is read

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.   Hebrews 13:20-21

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, 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.  

**Officiant**  
Lord, hear our prayer;  
**People** And let our cry come to you.  
**Officiant** Let us pray.

*The Officiant then says the following Collect*

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
The following prayer is 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.

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

In Easter Season, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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 forever. Amen.

All repeat the Antiphon

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

In Easter Season, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.*