

## St John's Episcopal Church Compline (Scottish Prayer Book)

TURN us, O God our Saviour;

*Answer.* And let thine anger cease from us.

V. The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

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 *St. Peter* 5. 8, 9.

V. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us;

R. Thanks be to God.

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 evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

V. O God, make speed to save us;

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

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

V. Praise ye the Lord

R. The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 91. Qui habitat.

WHO SO dwelleth under the defence 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 strong hold : my God, in him will I 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 and truth shall be thy 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 For thou, Lord, art my hope : thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

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 go upon the lion and adder : the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread 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 shew him my salvation.

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.

NOW the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep with the blood of the eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus, make you perfect in every good thing to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be the glory for ever and ever. *Hebrews* 13. 20, 21.

V. Keep me as the apple of an eye;

R. Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

*Anthem.* Save us, O Lord, while waking, and defend us while sleeping : that when we are awake we may watch with Christ, and when we sleep we may rest in peace.

NUNC DIMITTIS (St. Luke 2. 29).

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.

2 For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;

3 Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;

4 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.

*Anthem.* Save us, O Lord, while waking, and defend us while sleeping : that when we are awake we may watch with Christ, and when we sleep we may rest in peace.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers;

*R.* To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

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

*R.* Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

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

*R.* To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

*V.* The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing;

*R.* Amen.

*V.* Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;

*R.* That thy people may rejoice in thee?

*V.* O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;

R. And grant us thy salvation.

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

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

V. O Lord, hear our prayer;

R. And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

LOOK down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BE present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may repose upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen, and the evening cometh, and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who at the hour of Compline didst rest in the sepulchre, and didst thereby sanctify the grave to be a bed of hope to thy people: Make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins, which were the cause of thy passion, that when our bodies lie in the dust, our souls may live with thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far 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.*

V. We will lay us down in peace and take our rest;

R. For it is thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety.

V. Let us bless the Lord;

R. Thanks be to God.

THE Almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless and keep us. *Amen.*