

A Service of Compline

Also called Evening Prayer

Words to be said are in this style: **All:** say these words.

Instructions are in italics.

This service may be taken by those in Minor Orders. Participants should be encouraged to share in this service by giving readings, leading prayers or sharing testimony which can be inserted at any suitable point. The Hymns should be relevant and easy to sing unaccompanied. The hymns can be spoken if preferred. This service can be used on any evening including Sundays, but if a sub-deacon, Deacon or Priest is available on Sundays Vespers is to be preferred. The candles on the altar should be lit and used at other safe and suitable places in the church (tea lights in holders are ideal).

Introit

Leader: In the name of the Most High God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: May the Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end to this His glorious day.

All: Amen.

A Hymn may be sung

Leader: Our help is in the Name of the Lord...

All: Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: Let us bring before God our transgressions...

Confession

Silence may be kept for reflection and personal confession.

Leader: Let us say together:

All: I confess to almighty God,

and to you, my sisters and brothers,

that I have sinned through my own fault

in my thoughts and in my words, *(strike your breast at this point if appropriate)*

in what I have done,

and in what I have failed to do;

and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,

all the angels and saints,

and you, my sisters and brothers,

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Leader: May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,
and give us the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

The people may cross themselves at this point

All: Amen

Leader: O God, make haste to save us.

All: O Lord, make speed to help us.

Leader: Let us say together:

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and evermore shall be, world without end. Alleluia.*

**Except in Lent, when Amen is said.*

The Psalms

One or more of the following Psalms are said or intoned. Other suitable Psalms may be used instead. It is to be preferred that members of the congregation share in reciting or intoning the Psalms if possible. The Psalms are best read from a modern service book which has simplified Psalms for antiphonal reciting, or a modern Bible can be used instead.

Leader: Let us share together in the joy of the Psalms...

Psalm 4 (Cum invocarem)

Psalm 31 (In te, Domine, speravi)

Psalm 91 (Qui habitat)

Psalm 134 (Ecce nunc)

At the end of the Psalms the Gloria is sung or said

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and evermore shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Reading

A suitable passage of scripture is read.

A hymn may be sung.

The Kyries

Leader: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our spirits;

All: For you have redeemed us, O Lord God of truth.

Leader: Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

All: Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lords Prayer

Leader: We say together the Lords Prayer:

All: Our Father....

The Collect

The Collect of the day is read, preferably by a member of the congregation.

Final Prayers

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

In the Easter Season, add **All:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us this night and for evermore.

All: Amen.

The candles on the altar are extinguished

END of service

Please pray for yourselves and the Old Catholic Apostolic Church regularly.