

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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AN ORDER OF COMPLINE

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

6:00 pm



Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
And our eyes behold the vesper light,  
We sing your praise, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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*The Officiant begins*

(BCP Page 127)

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.

*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,  
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

(BCP Page 128)

*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 for ever. Amen.*

## Psalm 4

(BCP Pages 128-129)

*Officiant and People*

*Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.*

*"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory?  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"*

*Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.*

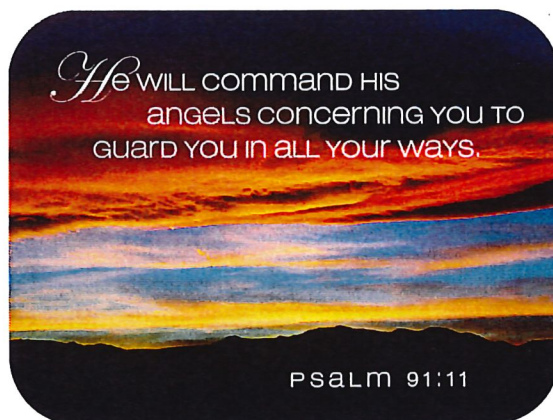
*Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.*

*Offer the appointed sacrifices  
and put your trust in the LORD.*

*Many are saying,  
"Oh that we might see better times!"  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.*

*You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.*

*I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;  
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.*



*Officiant and People*

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

*He shall say to the LORD,*

*“You are my refuge and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I put my trust.”*

*He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter  
and from the deadly pestilence.*

*He shall cover you with his pinions,  
and you shall find refuge under his wings;  
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.*

*You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;*

*Of the plague that stalks in the darkness,  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.*

*A thousand shall fall at your side  
and ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it shall not come near you.*

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

*Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your habitation,*

*There shall no evil happen to you,  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling,*

*For he shall give his angels charge over you,  
to keep you in all your ways.*

*They shall bear you in their hands,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.*

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Psalm 91

(BCP Pages 129-130)

*You shall tread upon the lion and adder;  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent  
under your feet.*

*Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him;*

*I will protect him, because he knows my Name.*

*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.*

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

Psalm 134

(BCP Page 131)

*Officiant and People*

*Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,  
you stand by night in the house of the LORD.*

*Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD;  
the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.*

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

*The Officiant says*

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ~Ephesians 3:14-19

*People            Thanks be to God.*

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## **Prayers**

*The Officiant continues*

*(BCP Page 132)*

*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.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*(BCP Pages 132-133)*

*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 evil.*

*Officiant: Lord, hear our prayer;*

*People: And let our cry come to you.*

*Officiant Let us pray.*

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and danger of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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.*

*A time of silence is offered followed by your intercessions and thanksgivings.*

*All*

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

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 for ever. *Amen.*

*All*

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

*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.*



*"I will lie down and  
sleep in peace, for you  
alone, O LORD, make  
me dwell in safety."*

Psalm 4:8, NIV