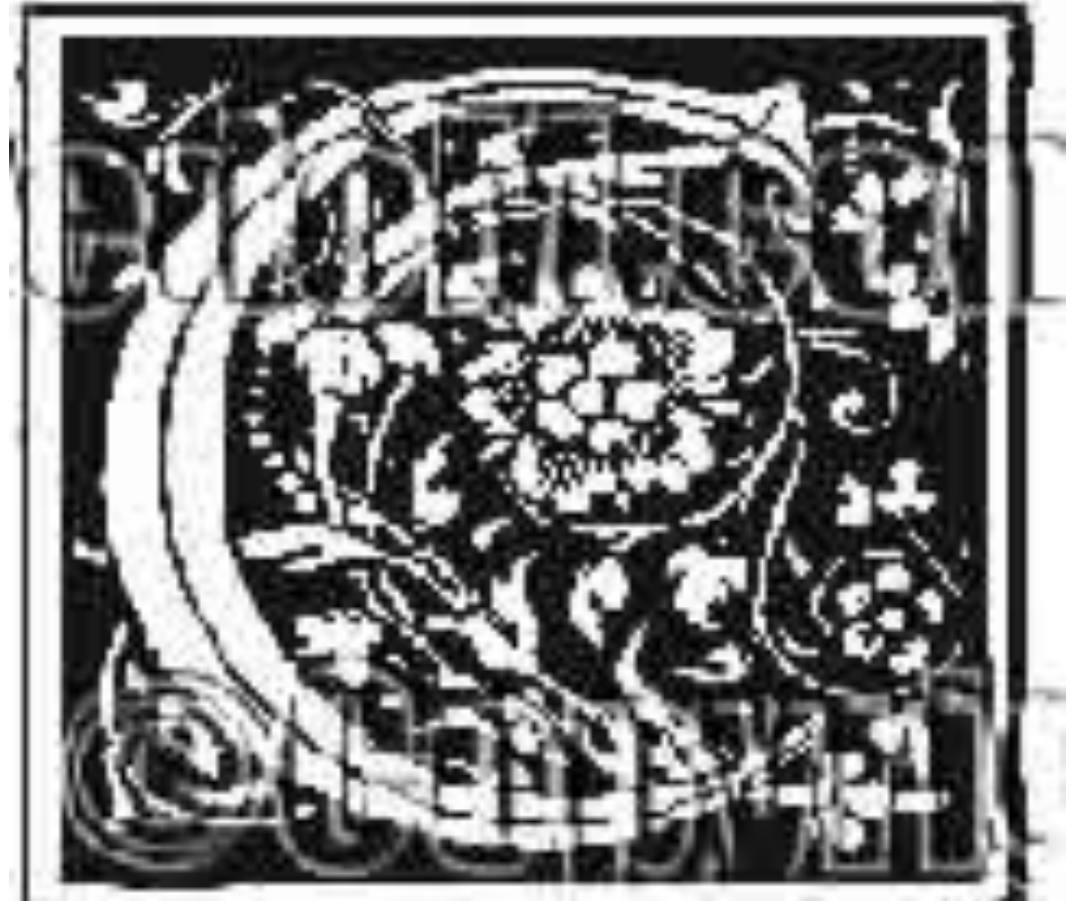


# COMPLINE



**St. Stephen's Anglican Church  
Athens, Texas**

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The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. *Amen.*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
*The maker of heaven and earth.*

Let us confess our sin unto Almighty God.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; *We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.*

¶ *To be made by the Priest alone, standing; the People still kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Ghost, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine 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 thy love's sake. *Amen.*

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

*Nunc dimittis.* St. Luke ii. 29.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,

\* according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen

\* thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared

\* before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,

\* and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*

V. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;  
R. *For thou have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.*  
V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of thine eye;  
R. Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.

Lord, have mercy.  
*Christ, have mercy.*  
Lord, have mercy.

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.*

Lord, hear our prayer;  
*And let our cry come to thee.*

Let us pray.

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

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in thine eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let thine holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let thy blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

† Or when no priest be present

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

O God, make speed to save us.  
*O Lord, make haste to help us.*

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. Alleluia.

*One or more of the following Psalms are sung or said.*

Psalm 4. *Cum invocarem.*

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness:

\* thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble;  
have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour,  
\* and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?

3 Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly;  
\* when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not;  
\* commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness,  
\* and put your trust in the Lord.

6 There be many that say,  
\* Who will show us any good?

7 Lord, lift thou up  
\* the light of thy countenance upon us.

8 Thou hast put gladness in my heart;  
\* yea, more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

9 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest;  
\* for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

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.

*Psalm 91. Qui habitat.*

WHOSO 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 stronghold;  
\* 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 noon-day.  
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 show 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.

*Matthew 11:28-30*

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart:  
and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is  
light.  
*Thanks be to God.*

*Hebrews 13:20-21*

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that  
great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,  
Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that  
which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for  
ever and ever. Amen.  
*Thanks be to God.*

*1 Peter 5:8-9a*

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion,  
walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:  
Whom resist stedfast in the faith  
*Thanks be to God.*