

Officiant: Living God, grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.

People: Amen

Officiant: Our help is in the Name of God

People: The maker of heaven and earth

Officiant: Let us confess our sins to God. *All praying together.*

Holy God, we come to you now to reclaim and revitalize our relationship with you. We pray for the commitment to grow, sharing the gifts you have given us with others, here and in the world. Forgive us for the times we have failed to trust you and turned away from your will for us and for the world. Forgive us for any hurt we have inflicted and help us forgive those who have hurt us.

Officiant: God love us and have mercy upon us; through the cross of Christ, pardon us and set us free. In the name of God, the Source, the Word, and the Spirit. **All: Amen**

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: Dear God, make haste to help us.

All praying together

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.

Psalm 134 *Ecce nunc*

- 1. Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.**
- 2. 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 God: Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Sanctifier, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Fill us, most merciful God, with the power of your Holy Spirit, and free us from any bonds that continue to restrict our freedom to fully love you, one another, and ourselves. Enter our dreams this night and show us your will for us as your church's servant leaders in this time and place. Loosen our tongues to speak your truth. Strengthen our hearts to birth your love into reality no matter the cost; and make each of us to shine with the celestial light that is the mark of your saints in heaven and on earth; for the love of your Son, our savior, Jesus, the Christ. **People: 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. **People: Amen.**

Officiant: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

People: For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

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

People: Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Officiant: Creator God have mercy upon us.

People: Redeemer Christ, have mercy upon us.

Officiant: Spirit of God, have mercy upon us.

All praying together

**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.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant: Loving God hear our prayer

People: And let our cry come to you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Gracious God, give us strength and discipline to continue to nurture our relationship with you; to care for every part of your creation; to foster justice and be in solidarity with those in need; to work to end all war, all violence, and all discord; and to respond faithfully when you call, freely giving ourselves as you have shown the way. We open our hearts to you now, O God, in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.

Reader: A reading from the gospel of Matthew.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

(Mt 11:28-30)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

A meditative moment of silence is kept.

Officiant: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;

People: that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Now, O God, you can dismiss your servant in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the peoples to see – a light of revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your 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.

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.

A form of Compline for servant leadership
Prayers by The Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer; form by Martin R. Darby

Officiant: We bless the Holy Trinity who lives in Eternal Unity

People: And we give our thanks to God!

Officiant: The steadfast love of God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sanctifier, bless us and keep us, tonight and through the days ahead. **People: Amen.**