



CHURCH OF THE  
REDEEMER

COMPLINE  
ADVENT 2023

*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.

*Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.*

**Officiant and People:**

Almighty God and Father, we confess to you,  
to one another, and to the whole company of heaven,  
that we have sinned, 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,  
have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins,  
and by the power of your Holy Spirit  
raise us up to serve you in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Officiant: May Almighty God grant us forgiveness of our sins,  
and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.*

**People:** O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

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

One or more of the following Psalms are sung or said. Traditionally three are used: 4, 91, and 134. Other suitable selections from the Psalms may be substituted.

## PSALM 4

- 1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness; \*  
you set me free when I was in trouble;  
have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.
- 2 O you children of men, how long will you blaspheme my honor \*  
And have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?
- 3 Know this also, that the LORD has chosen for himself  
the one who is godly \*  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Stand in awe, and sin not. \*  
Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.
- 5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness \*  
and put your trust in the LORD.

- 6 There are many who say, "Who will show us any good?" \*  
LORD, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than men have when their grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I will lay myself down in peace, and take my rest; \*  
for it is you, LORD, only, who makes me dwell in safety.

## PSALM 31:1-6

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I put my trust; \*  
let me never be put to confusion; deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Bow down your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 And be my strong rock, and my house of defense, \*  
that you may save me.
- 4 For you are my strong rock and my castle; \*  
be also my guide, and lead me for your Name's sake.
- 5 Draw me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, \*  
for you are my strength.
- 6 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

## PSALM 91

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."
- 3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
- 5 You will not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,  
6 nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

- 7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.
- 8 You will only look with your eyes  
and see the recompense of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—  
the Most High, who is my refuge—
- 10 no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
no plague come near your tent.
- 11 For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.
- 12 On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- 13 You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
- 14 “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;  
I will protect him, because he knows my name.
- 15 When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and honor him.
- 16 With long life I will satisfy him  
and show him my salvation.”

## PSALM 134

- 1 Behold now, praise the Lord, \*  
all you servants of the Lord.
- 2 You that stand by night in the house of the Lord, \*  
even in the courts of the house of our God.
- 3 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary\*  
and praise the Lord.
- 4 The Lord who made heaven and earth \*  
give you blessing out of Zion.

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

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read.

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your Name: do not forsake us. Jeremiah 14:9

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. Matthew 11:28-30

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20-21

Be sober-minded, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. 1 Peter 5:8-9a

At the end of the reading is said

*The Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence may follow. A suitable hymn may be sung.

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

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

*Officiant: Keep me as the apple of your eye;*

**People: Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

*Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us.*

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 from evil.

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

*Officiant: O Lord, hear our prayer;*

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

*Officiant: Let us pray.*

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects. Other appropriate Collects may also be used.

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your 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 your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, illumine this night with your celestial brightness, and from the children of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### A Collect for Saturdays

We give you thanks, O God, for revealing your Son Jesus Christ to us by the light of his resurrection: Grant that as we sing your glory at the close of this day, our joy may abound in the morning as we celebrate the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

One of the following prayers may be added

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.

or this

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

The Officiant and People say or sing the Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32) with this Antiphon

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

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared before the face of all people;  
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be 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 ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.

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 with the following

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

Or this

*The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless us and keep us, this night and evermore. Amen.*

## O GLADSOME LIGHT

O gladsome light,  
pure brightness  
of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ,  
holy and blessed!

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

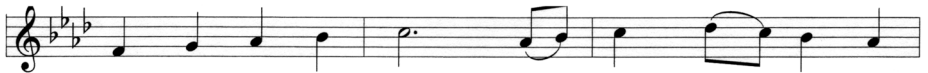
You are worthy at all times  
to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God,  
O Giver of Life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Text: Ancient Greek Hymn, 3rd Century  
Tune: Paul Calvin, 2020.

## THE KING SHALL COME



1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To
3. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
4. And let the end - less bliss be - gin, By
5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



light tri - um - phant breaks. When beau - ty gilds the  
suf - fer and to die, But crowned with glo - ry  
earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
wea - ry saints fore - told, When right shall tri - umph  
light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Your



east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.  
like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.  
of that morn Whose day shall ev - er last.  
o - ver wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.  
peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings.