

# COMPLINE



**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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**7:00 PM**

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Officiant: The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.

**People: Amen.**

Officiant: Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

**People: The maker of heaven and earth.**

Officiant: Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

Officiant: Jesus said: "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among all people, so that they may see the good you do, and give glory to your Father. *Matthew 5:14-16*

It is not ourselves that we proclaim, we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake for the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation — the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *2 Corinthians 4:5-6*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalms 139:10-11*

Officiant: Let us pray

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen**

Officiant: Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

Officiant: Almighty God,

**People: 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.**

Officiant: May the Almighty God grant you forgiveness of all your sins,  
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **People: Amen.**

Officiant: O God Make Speed To Save us.

**People: O Lord Make Haste to Help us.**

**The Psalmody: Psalm 31**

1. In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame: \*  
**Deliver me in your righteousness**
2. Incline your ear to me; \*  
**Make haste to deliver me.**
3. Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag  
and my stronghold; \*  
**For the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.**
4. Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
**For you are my tower of strength.**
5. Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
**For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**

**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.**

## The Word of God

**Lector:** A reading from Jeremiah 18:1-11, 18-20

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it.

And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Then they said, "Come, let us make plots against Jeremiah—for instruction shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, let us bring charges against him, and let us not heed any of his words."

Give heed to me, O Lord,  
and listen to what my adversaries say!  
Is evil a recompense for good?  
Yet they have dug a pit for my life.

Remember how I stood before you  
to speak good for them,  
to turn away your wrath from them.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Lector 2: **The Psalmody: Psalm 4**

1. 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.**
2. You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;\*  
**How long will you worship dumb idols and run  
to false gods?**
3. Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;\*  
**When I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.**
4. Tremble, then, and do not sin;\*  
**Speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**
5. Offer the appointed sacrifices\*  
**And put your trust in the Lord.**
6. Many are saying, " Oh that we might see better times!\*" **Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**
7. You have put gladness in my heart,\*  
**More than when grain and wine and oil increase.**
8. I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep.\*  
**For only you Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

**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.**

**Lector 2:** A reading from Matthew 20:17-28

While Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and said to them on the way, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified; and on the third day he will be raised."

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom."

But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers.

But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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

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

Officiant: Lord have Mercy

**People: Christ have mercy**

**All: Lord have Mercy**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Officiant: Our Father,

**People: 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.**

Officiant: Lord, hear our prayer;

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

Officiant: Let us pray

### ***A prayer honoring Black History Month***

May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen**

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.

**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: *You are invited to offer intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.*

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 wing.**

Officiant: Guide us waking O Lord,

**People: And guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.**

## **Lector 2: Psalm 91**

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High\*  
**abides under the shadow of the Almighty.**
2. He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold,\*  
**my God in whom I put my trust."**
3. He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \*  
**and from the deadly pestilence.**
4. He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge  
under his wings,\*  
**his faithfulness shall be a shield and a buckler.**



5. You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,\*  
**nor of the arrow that flies by day;**
6. nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,  
**nor the plague that destroys at midday.**
7. A thousand may fall at your side,  
**ten thousand at your right hand,**  
**but it will not come near you.**

Officiant: Guide us waking O Lord,

**People: And guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch  
with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.**

Officiant: May God bless us, that in us may be found love and  
humility, obedience and Thanksgiving, discipline,  
gentleness and peace.

**People: Amen.**

Officiant: The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy  
Spirit, bless us and keep us.

**People: Amen.**



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