



# Compline

## Night Church

Contemplative Evening Worship Sundays at five O'clock  
St. John's Huntington, WV

*Portions of this service are adapted from the Prayer Books of the Church of Ireland, the Church of England, the Scottish Book of Common Prayer, Celtic Daily Prayer Book 2, The Iona Community Worship, The Book of Uncommon Prayer, by Steven Chase and the Anglican Church of New Zealand.*

## **Welcome. Relax. God is with us.**



## **The Liturgy of the Word of God begins.**

*The silence is our invitation into the heart of God. The people may choose to close their eyes and enjoy offering quiet prayers before the service begins. **In this liturgy, the people's response is in bold text.***

*A chime sounds, our service begins. You may remain seated.*

The Officiant says:  
Beloved in Christ,  
we come together  
to offer to Almighty God  
our worship and  
praise of thanksgiving,

to confess our sins  
and to receive God's forgiveness,

to hear his holy Word proclaimed,  
to bring before him our needs  
and the needs of the world,

and to pray that  
in the power of his Spirit  
we may serve him  
and know the greatness  
of his love.

Officiant: Let us pray.

**All: One thing I have asked of the Lord,  
This is what I seek:  
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
All the days of my life;  
To behold the beauty of the Lord  
And to seek him in his temple.**

One: Who is it that you seek?

**All: We seek the Lord our God.**

One: Do you seek him with all your heart?

**All: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

One: Do you seek him with all your soul?

**All: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

One: Do you seek him with all your mind?

**All: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

One: Do you seek him with all your strength?

**All: Amen. Christ have mercy.**

*The Officiant or Cantor sings or says:*

Kyrie Eleison

Christe Eleison

**All sing or say: Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy**

The Officiant says: The Lord is here.

**The People say: God's Spirit is with us.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

**All: Lord Jesus stay with us  
for evening is at hand and the day is past;  
be our companion in the way,  
kindle our hearts, and awaken hope,  
that we may know you  
as you are revealed in Scripture.  
Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.**

*The Readings we hear are from the Revised Common Lectionary appointed for this day.*

*The readings can be found at the end of this Order of Service.*

When the reading ends, the Reader says: The word of the Lord.

**The People Respond: Thanks be to God**

*We stand for the gospel. Thank you.*

When the Gospel is announced the people respond: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

When the Gospel is ended the people respond: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**A Devotion may be offered.**

**St. Patrick's Breastplate is sung or said.**

**I bind unto myself today  
The strong name of the Trinity.  
By invocation of the same.  
The three in one and one in three.**

**I bind unto myself today  
The great love of the living word  
The wisdom of my God to teach  
His hand to guide his shield to ward**

**I bind unto myself today  
The virtues of the starlit heaven  
The glorious sun's life giving ray  
The fruits of earth so freely given**

**I bind unto myself today  
The power of God to hold and lead  
His eye to watch his might to stay  
His ear to hearken to my need.**

**I bind unto myself today  
The way of Christ in the life and death  
The call of God to jubilee  
In broken chains and cancelled death.**

### **The Prayers are offered.**

Leader: Gathering our hearts and minds, we pray for God's people and the world.

Pray for this fragile earth,  
our island home...  
Pray that we would be  
her good stewards  
and she would withstand  
our abuse. *Prolonged Silence*

Pray for the Church ...  
Pray that where it is right  
God will strengthen it,  
and where it is in error  
God will direct it.

Pray that God will fill the Church  
with all truth and peace. *Prolonged Silence*

Pray for the joy of human life,  
with all its wonder and surprises.

Pray we would remember  
that all people are created  
in the very image of God. *Prolonged Silence*

Pray for the poor, the sick,  
the destitute, and the dying,  
in the full knowledge  
that God looks with special favor  
upon those in greatest need. *Prolonged Silence*

Pray for our families,  
friends, and neighbors,  
and for those who are alone. *Prolonged Silence*  
Pray in thanksgiving  
for all the blessings of this life,  
and for the promise  
of the next.

Pray that we may live  
not by our fears  
but by our hopes,  
not by our words  
but by our deeds. *Prolonged Silence*

Pray for ourselves and others either silently or aloud:

*(You may say your prayer out loud, silently and even at the same time  
as another person. It's our joy to pray for what is in your heart.)*

The Officiant ends the prayers saying:

May the Lord our God grant these, our prayers and petitions, as may be best for us and grant us comfort, strength and peace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Confession is made.**

The Officiant says: Let us confess our sins.

**Merciful God, we have sinned  
in what we have thought and said,  
In the wrong we have done  
and in the good we have not done.**

**We have sinned in ignorance;  
we have sinned in weakness;  
We have sinned through our**

**own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry.  
We repent and turn to you.**

**Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake,  
And renew our lives  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The Officiant will pray for Absolution with these words:*

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on us, pardon us and set us free.  
Know that we are forgiven and are at *peace*. **Amen.**

## **The Song of Mary**

*Magnificat Luke 1:46-55*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.  
**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 Lord's Prayer**

**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 thine is the power,  
and thine is the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
If spoken: Amen.  
If Sung: Amen. Amen. Amen.  
(then softly) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*Prolonged Silence*

**All:** Calm me, O Lord, as You stilled the storm.  
Still me, O Lord, keep me from harm.  
Let all the tumult within me cease.  
Enfold me, Lord, in Your peace.

**One:** Father, bless the work that is done, and the work that is to be.  
Father, bless the servants we are, and the servants that we will be.

**All:** Thou Lord and God of power, shield and sustain me this night.  
I will lie down this night with God, and God will lie down with me;  
I will lie down this night with Christ, and Christ will lie down with me;  
I will lie down this night with the Spirit, and the Spirit will lie down with me;  
God and Christ and the Spirit, be lying down with me.

## **The Blessing, Peace & Dismissal**

### **The Benediction**

May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ go with us,  
Wherever He may send us,  
May He guide us through the wilderness,  
protect us through the storm.  
May He bring us home rejoicing  
At the wonders he has shown us.  
May He bring us home rejoicing once again into these doors. **Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

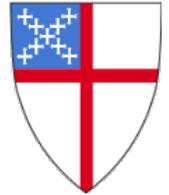
Christ, King of Tenderness,  
bind us with a bond that cannot be broken.  
Bind us with a bond of *love* that cannot be broken.  
My brothers and sisters,  
the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you, let us share in that peace together! Amen.**



**We're glad you joined us.  
Join us next Sunday evening too!**

The Lessons Appointed for Use on the  
**Sunday closest to September 14**

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*Track 1*

Exodus 14:19-31  
Psalm 114  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

**The Collect**

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Old Testament**

**Exodus 14:19-31**

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that

had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

## **The Response**

### **Psalm 114**

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

## **The Epistle**

### **Romans 14:1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

## **The Gospel**

### **Matthew 18:21-35**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'

And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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*Optional parts of the readings are set off in square brackets.*

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## Prayers for our St. John's Community

### We pray for each other.

You may ask to have a name added to our list of those for whom we pray. Simply contact the parish office at [office@stjohnshuntingtonwv.org](mailto:office@stjohnshuntingtonwv.org) or call 304-525-9105. We keep names on the list for **one calendar month**. You may renew at the beginning of each month.

We pray for all those sick or suffering, for those seeking prayer or guidance and for the departed.

You can also say the name aloud or silently during the prayers themselves. It is our privilege to pray for those you care about.

We pray for our own needs and those of others.

**For the Diocese of WV, our Bishop and all churches:** especially for the Episcopal Churches of Huntington; St. John's, Trinity and St. Peter's.

**For our Seminarian:** Klara

**For St. John's as we search for a new Rector:** Almighty God, give of every good gift, look graciously on your Church and so guide the minds of those who will choose a Rector in this church, that we may receive a pastor who will care for your people, equip us for our ministries and reach out to all your children in love.

**For the ill or those with health concerns:** Tyler and Brady, Jacky, Ann, Sue, Martha Blount, Lelah, John, Teresa, Rufus, Bill, Megan, Charles, Monica, June, Sharon, Jon, Lois, Laura, Jonathan, Bobby, Quentin, Dick, Callie, Jessie, Leo, Bob, Skip, Stacy, Frank, Elizabeth, Daisy, Sean, Sharon, James, Christie, Brian, Ray Jr., Amy, Richard, Sonya, Katharine, Michelle, Vic, Ed, Debbie, Alice, Linda, Father Watkins, Kris, Linda, Geneva, Nick, Cassie, Cohen, Jillian, Lance, James, Terry, Cora, Nedra, Gabe, Matthew, Josiah, Susan, Elsie, Carol, Giles, Amanda, Susan, Joe, Lelah, Andy

**For those with cancer or in remission:** David, Jeanne, Betty Sue, Hannah, Larry, Chris, Tom, Evelyn, Will, Frank, Willie, Cindy, Joan, B.J., Wilma, Emillie, Joyce, Dale, Michelle, Keith, John, Angie, Raymond, Kelly, Maggie, Julie, Sarah

**For those in need of any prayer:** Scott, Esther, Marty, Tom, Elizabeth, Jacob, Travis, Michel, Chloe, Lisa, Tiffany, Andres, Shane, Eric, Jennifer, Hannah, Drew, Mike, Nicole, Alex, Betsy, James, the Michaelson, Dale and Trimper families.

**For racial equality in education, housing, public services, and employment opportunity:** God our Creator, you created humankind in your image, and blessed us with your love. Help us to show that love to one another as we work for equality for all races in education, housing,

public services, and employment opportunity. Give us strength and courage to speak out against injustice, and to work for the transformation of unjust systems that keep some in bondage: that we may more fully live out your kingdom here on earth; through Jesus Christ your son, who came to set us free.” *(from The Diocese of WV Commission on Racism)*

**For this time of pandemic:** O almighty and merciful God, with whom are the issues of life and death: Grant us, we beseech thee, help and deliverance in this time of grievous sickness and mortality, and sanctify to us this affliction, that in our sore distress we may turn our hearts unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(from The Scottish Book of Common Prayer of 1929)*

**For Doctors and Nurses:** Sanctify, O Lord, those you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified.

**For those in harm’s way and for all first responders:** especially Tim, David, Edward, Jared, Ryan, Joey, Cody, Josh, Clay, Andy, Robert, Curt, Jordan, Kristen, Christopher, Tyler

God of compassion, you created a world for us to know your love and peace yet, amidst the beauty of creation, we encounter pain and hurt and forces beyond our control. At times like these our hearts are shaken and ache with sorrow at the destruction of lives, homes and livelihoods. Hear our prayers for those affected by natural disasters, illness and war and the turmoil in our nation and for all those working to bring relief, hope and calm.

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Nicholas Reynolds (9/1), Kent Higgins (9/5), Ian Castleberry (9/6), Christine Hilling (9/6), Jack Bogers (9/13), Linda Vinson (9/17), Jerry Coleman (9/23), Elijah Hilling (9/26), Jackson Rednour-Hallman (9/26), Matthew Wilson (9/26)

**For those celebrating anniversaries:** Karen and Jim Vassar (9/10)

**For all those who have died,** especially The Very Rev. Canon Donald Vinson and Dave Peyton. Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, keep in your special care these, our beloved. Wipe away the tears of those whose grief runs deep. Help us to encourage each other throughout this troubled life. Keep us steadfast in faith, constant in hope and ardent in love and bring us all into that place you have prepared in your heavenly kingdom.

**For those who mourn:** Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with those who mourn. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A Prayer for Communion with Christ**

*(This prayer is from the Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Services  
and is prescribed for use with your devotions when Communion is not available)*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated. I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.