An Order for Compline

Officiant  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 confess our sins to God.
            Silence is kept.

            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. Amen.

Officiant  May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and
            the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; * 
how long will you worship dumb idols 
and run after false gods?”

Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; * 
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; * 
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices * 
and put your trust in the LORD.

Many are saying, 
“Oh, that we might see better times!” * 
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, Ó LORD.

You have put gladness in my heart, * 
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * 
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 91 Qui habitat

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * 
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

He shall say to the LORD, 
“You are my refuge and my stronghold, * 
my God in whom I put my trust.”

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 buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at midday.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand, *
but it shall not come near you.

8 Your eyes have only to behold *
to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent
under your feet.
Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

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

The servants of the Lamb shall worship him; they shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads. And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God shall be their light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.  

Rev 22:3-5

People  
Thanks be to God

God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with him.  

1 Thess 5:9-10

People  
Thanks be to God

Be sober, 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

People  
Thanks be to God

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.  

Matt 11:28-30

People  
Thanks be to God.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  

1 Thess 5:23

People  
Thanks be to God.
Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God. 

Jer 14:9, 22

People

Thanks be to God.

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 you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Heb 13:20-21

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

As announced or posted.
V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

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

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

R. Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

or the following setting

Officiant or Cantor

In-to your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

People

In-to your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

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The Prayers

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed... deliver us from evil.

Our Father in heaven,
  hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
  as we forgive those
  who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
  and deliver us from evil.
Lord, hear our prayer; And let our cry come to you. Let us pray.

or the following setting

Lord hear our prayer. And let our cry come to you.

Let us pray.

The Officiant then says one of the following Collects

Saturday

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.

Saturdays, Sundays and Saints’ Days

Almighty God, you have triumphed over the powers of darkness and in Jesus Christ have prepared a place for us in the new Jerusalem. May we together with Ever-blessed Mary the God-bearer, beloved John the Evangelist [blessed ___________] and all your saints, give thanks for his resurrection, and praise him in that eternal city of which he is the light, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.
Fridays

O living God, in Jesus Christ you were laid in the tomb at this evening hour, and thereby sanctified the grave to be a bed of hope to your people. Give us courage and faith to die daily to our sin and pride, that even as this flesh and blood decays, our lives still may grow in you, that at the last, we may pass through the gate of death and live in you for ever. Amen.

At other times one of the following is used

O God our shield and armor of light, whom we adore with all the angelic hosts: defend us from all evil; watch over any who are in danger this night and give your angels charge over them; and grant that we may always rejoice in your heavenly protection and serve you bravely in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Come, O Spirit of God, and make within us your dwelling place and home. May our darkness be dispelled by your light, and our troubles calmed by your peace; may all evils be redeemed by your love, all pain transformed through the suffering of Christ, and all dying glorified by his risen life. Amen.

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gracious God, support us all the day long of this earthly life, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, O God, in your mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in 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, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day, your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

One of the following prayers is added

Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in your presence. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done. What has not been done has not been done. Help us let it be. The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all who are dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. We pray this through Christ our Lord. 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. Amen.
O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those who sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends on each other’s toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

The prayer for members of the Fellowship of Saint John follows.

Almighty God, you give grace to the Church, the Body of Christ to upbuild itself in love through the mutual service of those who have faith in him: Give the fullness of your blessing to the members of the Fellowship of Saint John, [especially __________] and enable us, by means of our fellowship with one another, to grow in freedom from the world of sin and to be more faithfully united to you in that holy love to which you call us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Antiphon
Cantor
Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

During Easter, add:

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Cantor
1. Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; 2. For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: 3. A Light
to enlighten the nations, and 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 will be for ever.

Amen.

Antiphon

All

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

that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may

rest in peace.

During Easter, add:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Officiant concludes

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

V. May the Divine Assistance remain with us.
R. And with our absent brethren.

The Brother who is presiding may then sprinkle the Brothers and Guests with water to memorialize our dying and rising with Christ in Baptism.