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
O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Except in Lent, add

Al-le-lu-ia.

In Lent, add

To you, O Lord, be glory, King of endless Majesty.

Psalm 4  Cum invocarem

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 after 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.
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, O 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.

He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

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

Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

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

Your eyes have only to behold *
to see the reward of the wicked.
Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,

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

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

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

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  Be-hold 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.
Short Reading

A passage of Scripture is read. The people respond, "Thanks be to God."

Hymn

As posted or announced

Then follows

Cantor

V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

People

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

Cantor, then All

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Cantor

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
Our Father in heaven . . . 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.

The Collect

After the Collect, another prayer is added by the Officiant.

Intercessions

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

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

Obituary

An obituary is read on the anniversary of a Brother’s death.

Presider Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord:
People And let light perpetual shine upon him.
Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

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