

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. *(Nunc Dimittis, St. Luke 2.29-32)*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. 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.

Kyrie eleison! **Christe eleison! Kyrie eleison!**

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

Vouchsafe O Lord,	to keep us this night without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us;	have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us.	As our trust is in Thee.
Hear my prayer, O Lord.	And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray. Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy: let Thy holy angels dwell herein, to preserve us in peace; and let Thy blessing be always upon us. Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen**

Bless we ✕ the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Divine Office

Compline (*Bedtime Prayer*)

in the home



Compline is the Church's bedtime prayer office. Originally prayed in the monastery as part of eight prayer offices throughout the day, it is prayed in congregations, religious communities, or in the home.

The leader sings the portions in regular font; everyone sings the portions in **bold font**.

It is appropriate to speak the office if necessary.

It is appropriate to abbreviate the office for families with small children. An abbreviated form is found on page 11 of this booklet.

It is appropriate to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of Baptism where indicated with ✠.

Compline (simplified form)

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last. **Amen**

Make haste, O God, to ✠ deliver me. **Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing?

But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him.

Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

(Psalm 4)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy Name; leave us not, O Lord our God.

(Jeremiah 14.9)

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

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For thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, thou God of truth.

I commend my spirit.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

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

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of Thine eye.

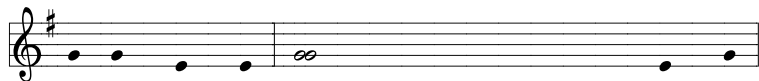
Hide us under the shadow of Thy wings.

(Psalm 17.8)

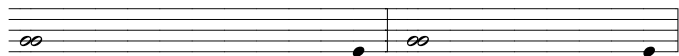
Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping: That awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life ✕ everlasting. Amen

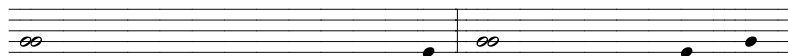
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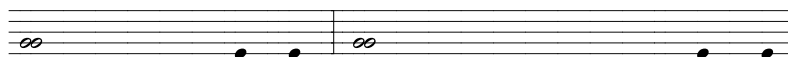
Vouch-safe, O Lord, to keep us this night with-out sin.



O Lord, have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us.



O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us. As our trust is in Thee.



Hear my prayer, O Lord. And let my cry come un-to Thee.

Collect (sung on one note)

Let us pray. Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy: let Thy holy angels dwell herein, to preserve us in peace; and let Thy blessing be always upon us. Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen

Benedicamus



Hear my prayer, O Lord. And let my cry come un-to Thee.



Bless we ✕ the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Office of Compline

(Bedtime Prayer)

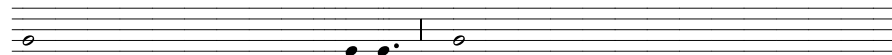
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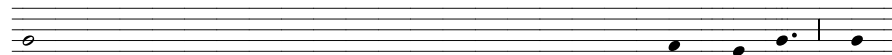
Brethren, pray for God's blessing! The Lord Almighty grant us a



qui-et night, and peace at the last. **A-men**



Brethren: Be sober, be vi-gi-lant: because your adversary, the devil,



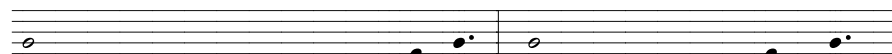
as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may de-vour; whom



resist steadfast in the Faith. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy up- on us.



Thanks be to God.



Our help ✕ is in the name of the Lord. **Who made heaven and earth.**

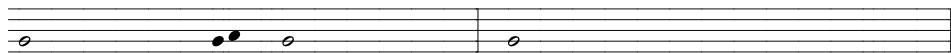
Confiteor

I confess to Almighty God, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, (strike your chest three times, saying:) through my fault, through my own fault, through my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray almighty God, for the sake of Jesus Christ His Son, to have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

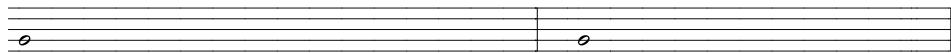
The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, ✕ absolution, and remission of our sins. Amen.



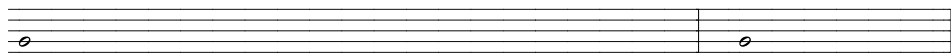
Turn us, then, O God our Sav-ior. **And let thine anger cease from us.**



Make haste, O God, to ✕ deliver me. **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**



Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As

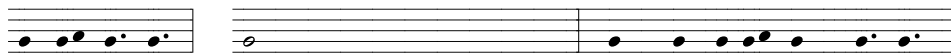


it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without



end. A-men.

(or in Septuagesima and Lent)



Al- le- lu-ia! Praise to Thee, O Christ, King of e-ter-nal Glo-ry!

Psalmody TONE VIII



Antiphon: | Have mer-| cy upon me, O / Lord:* — / and hear my prayer.

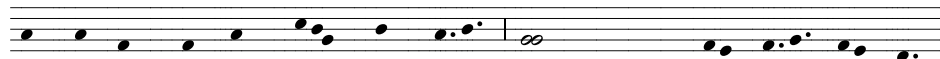
Psalm 4 *Cum invocarem*

1 | Hear me | when I call, O God of my ríghteousness:† thou hast enlarged me when I was / ín distress;* have mercy upón / me, and héar my prayer.

2 **O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory / into shame?***
how long will ye love vanity, and seek / áfter léasing?

3 But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is gódlly / fór himself:*
the Lord will hear when / I call únto him.

4 **Stand in áwe, and / sín not:* commune with your own heart up-**



that a-wake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

Kyrie



Ky-ri- e e-le- i- son! Chris-te e-le- i-son! Ky-ri-e e- le-i-son!

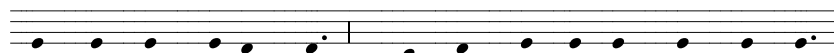
Our Father



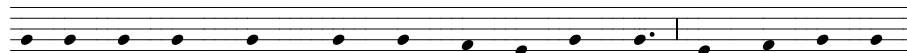
Our Fa-ther who art in heav-en, **Hal-low-ed be Thy name; Thy king-**



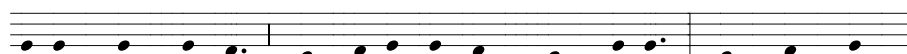
dom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav-en; Give us



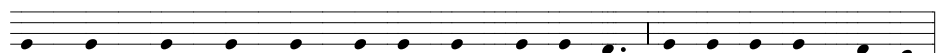
this day our dai-ly bread; And for-give us our tres-pass-es,



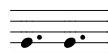
As we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us; And lead us not



in-to temp-ta-tion; But de-li-ver us ✕ from e-vil; For Thine is



the king-dom and the pow-er and the glo-ry, for-ev-er and ev-er.



A-men

Apostles' Creed *(sung on one note)*

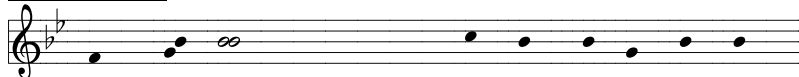
I believe in God the Father Almighty, **Maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived



that a-wake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

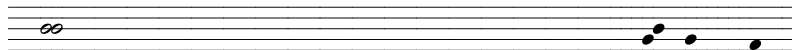
Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest thou thy ser-vant de-part in peace,



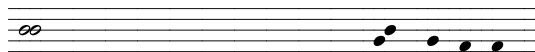
according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy Sal-va-tion,



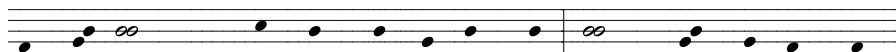
which thou hast prepared before the face of all peo-ple;



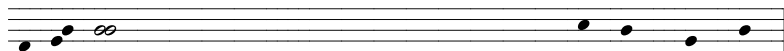
A Light to light-en the Gen-tiles,



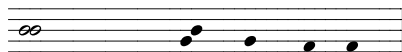
and the Glory of thy peo-ple Is-ra-el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev- er shall be,



world with-out end. A-men

Antiphon



Guide us wak-ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep-ing

on your béd, / and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifices of / righteousness,* and put your trúst / in the Lord.

6 **There be many that say, Who will shéw us / ány good?* Lord, lift thou up the light of thy counte- / nánce upón us.**

7 Thou hast put gladness / ín my heart,* more than in the time that their corn / and their wíne increased.

8 **I will both lay me down in / péace, and sleep:* for thou, Lord, only makest me / dwéll in sáfety.**

Glory be to the Fátter and / tó the Son* and / tó the Hóly Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and éver / sháll be,* wórlð / without énd. Amen.

Psalm 91 *Qui habitat*

1 | He that | dwelleth in the secret place óf the / móst High* shall abide under the shadow óf / the Almighty.

2 **I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge ánd my / fórtress:* my God; in hím / will I trust.**

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snáre of the / fówler,* and from the / nóisome péstilence.

4 **He shall cover thee with his feathers,† and under his wings shalt thou / trust:* his truth shall be thy / shíeld and búckler.**

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the térror by / níght;* nor for the arrow that flí- / eth by day;

6 **Nor for the pestilence that wálketh in / dárkness;* nor for the destruction that wást- / eth at nónday.**

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side,† and ten thousand át thy / ríght hand;* but it shall / nót come nígh thee.

8 **Only with thine éyes shalt / thóu behold* and see the rewárd / of the wicked.**

9 Because thou hast made the Lord, which ís my / réfuge,* even the most High, thy / hábitátion;

10 **There shall no évil be- / fáll thee,* neither shall any plague come / nígh thy dwélling.**

11 For he shall give his angels chárge over / thee,* to keep / thee in áll thy ways.

12 **They shall bear thee úp in their / hands,* lest thou dash thy / fóot agáinst a stone.**

13 Thou shalt tread upon the líon and / ádder:* the young lion and the dragon shalt thou / trámples únder feet.

14 **Because he hath set his love upón me, therefore will Í de- / líver**

him:* I will set him on high, because / hé hath knówn my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will ânswer him:† I will be wíth him in / tróuble;* I will deliver / hím, and hónour him.

16 **With long life will I satisfy / him,* and shew him / mý salvácion. Glory be to the FátHer and / tó the Son* and / tó the Hóly Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and éver / sháll be,* wórlD / without énd. Amen.**

Psalm 134 *Ecce, nunc*

1 | Behold, | bless ye the Lord, all ye sérvants / óf the Lord,* which by night stand in the house / of the Lord.

2 **Líft / úp your hands* in the sanctuá- / ry, and bléss the Lord.**

3 The Lord that made héaven and / earth* bless thee / óut of Zíon.

Glory be to the FátHer and / tó the Son* and / tó the Hóly Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and éver / sháll be,* wórlD / without énd. Amen.

Antiphon: | Have mer- | cy upon me, O / Lord:* — / and hear my prayer.

Little Chapter—Jeremiah 14.9



Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy Name;

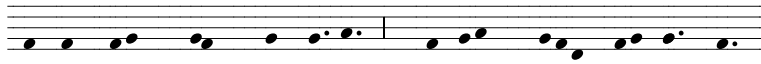


leave us not, O Lord our God. **Thanks be to God.**

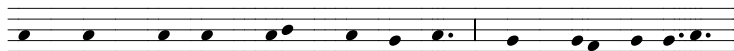
Responsory



In-to Thy hands, O Lord, I com-mend my spir-it.



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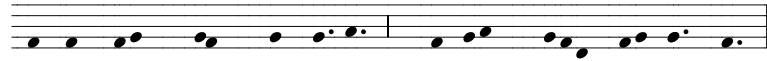
For Thou hast re-deemed us, O Lord, thou God of truth.



I com-mend my spir-it.



Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son: and to the Ho- ly Ghost.

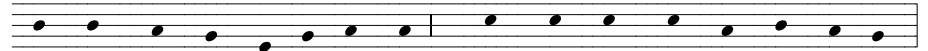


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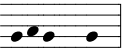
Hymn *Te lucis ante terminum*



1 To Thee, be-fore the close of day, **Cre- a- tor of the world, we pray,**
2 **From all ill dreams de-fend our eyes, From night-ly fears and fan- ta- sies:**
3 **O Fa-ther, that we ask be done, Through Je-sus Christ, Thine on-ly Son,**

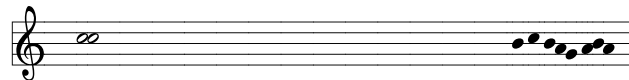


That with Thy wont-ed fav-or, Thou, Wouldst be our Guard and Keep-er now. Tread un- der foot our ghost-ly foe, That no pol- lu- tion we may know. Who, with the Ho- ly Ghost and Thee, Shall live and reign e- ter- nal- ly.



A- men

Versicle



Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of Thine eye.
Hide us under the shadow of Thy wings.

Antiphon



Guide us wak-ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep-ing