

Night Prayer

Compline



Opening



Almighty God grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



A - men.



It is good to give thanks to the Lord, **to sing praise to your name, O Most High;**



to herald your love in the morning, **your truth at the close of the day.**

Confession and Forgiveness

The leader invites the assembly into the confession.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The leader begins the confession. All join in on the bold print.

Holy and gracious God,

I confess that I have sinned against you this day.

Some of my sin I know — the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed — but some is known only to you.

In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.

Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven.

We rest now in the peace of Christ and rise in the morning to serve.

Psalmody

Psalm 4 – The leader sings verses 1 and 8.



- ¹ Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause; * you set me free when I was in distress;
have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.
- ² “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my | glory; * how long will you love illusions
and seek | after lies?”
- ³ Know that the LORD does wonders for the | faithful; * the LORD will hear me | when I call.
- ⁴ Tremble, then, and | do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.
- ⁵ Offer the appointed | sacrifices, * and put your trust | in the LORD.
- ⁶ Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?” * Let the light of your face shine upon |
us, O LORD.
- ⁷ You have put gladness | in my heart, * more than when grain and | wine abound.
- ⁸ In peace, I will lie | down and sleep; * for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure.

Silence

Psalm Prayer

- ☐ O God, source of deliverance and help, do not let our hearts be troubled, but fill us with such confidence and joy that we may sleep in your peace and rise in your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ Amen

Hymn – ELW 252, “Each Winter As the Year Grows Older”

stanza 1 – all; stanza 2 – low voices; stanza 3 – all; stanza 4 – treble voices; stanza 5 – all



1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,
 2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for
 3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from
 4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the
 5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the
 war, they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son and
 death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that
 north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can
 pain, bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's, re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.
 scream till we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.
 we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.
 kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.
 new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!

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Word

Brief Reading – Revelation 22:5

There will be no more night; the servants of God need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

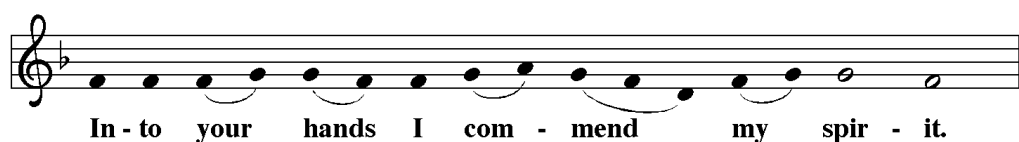
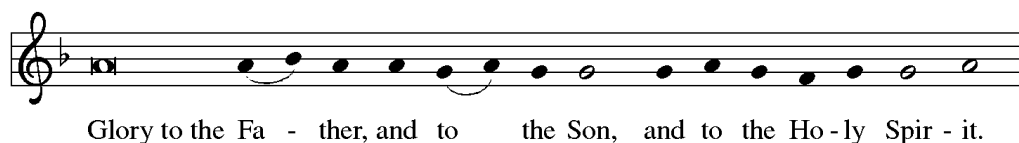
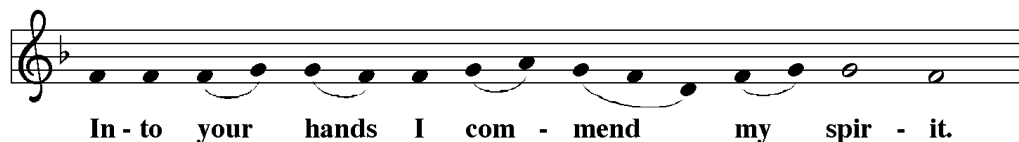
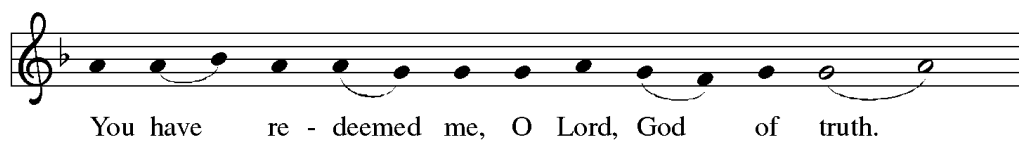
The reading of scripture is followed by extended silence for reflection and meditation. The silence concludes with the following responsory. All sing on the bold print responses.



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

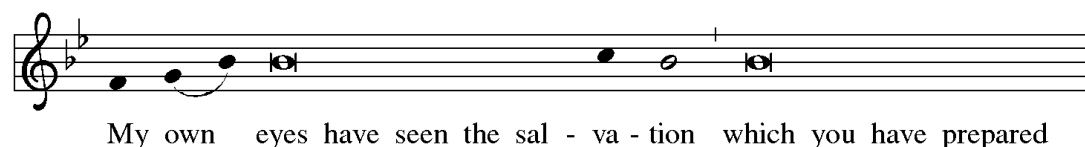
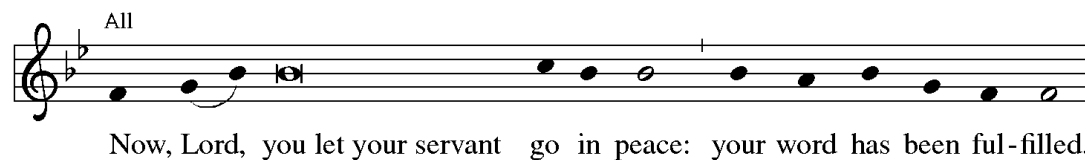
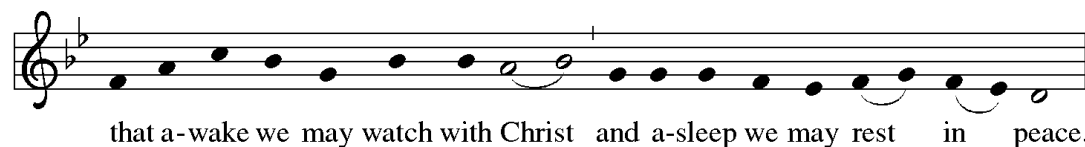
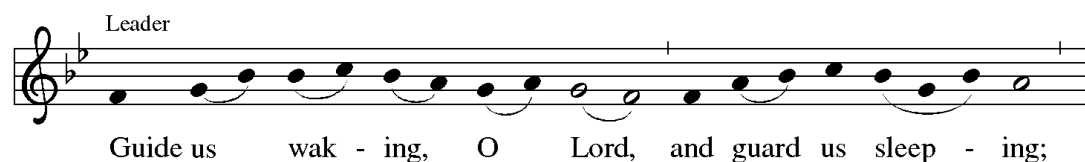


In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



Gospel Canticle for Compline – *The Nunc Dimittis*

The leader sings the first two lines; all sing the rest.



na - tions and the glory of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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

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

Prayers

All sing the bold printed words.

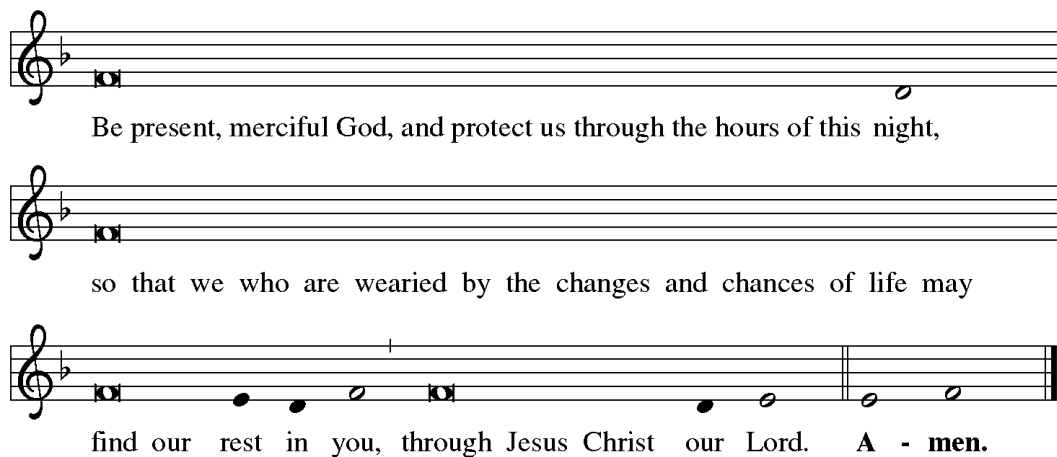
Hear my prayer, O Lord; **listen to my cry.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye;

hide me in the shadow of your wings.

In righteousness I shall see you;

when I awake, your presence will give me joy.



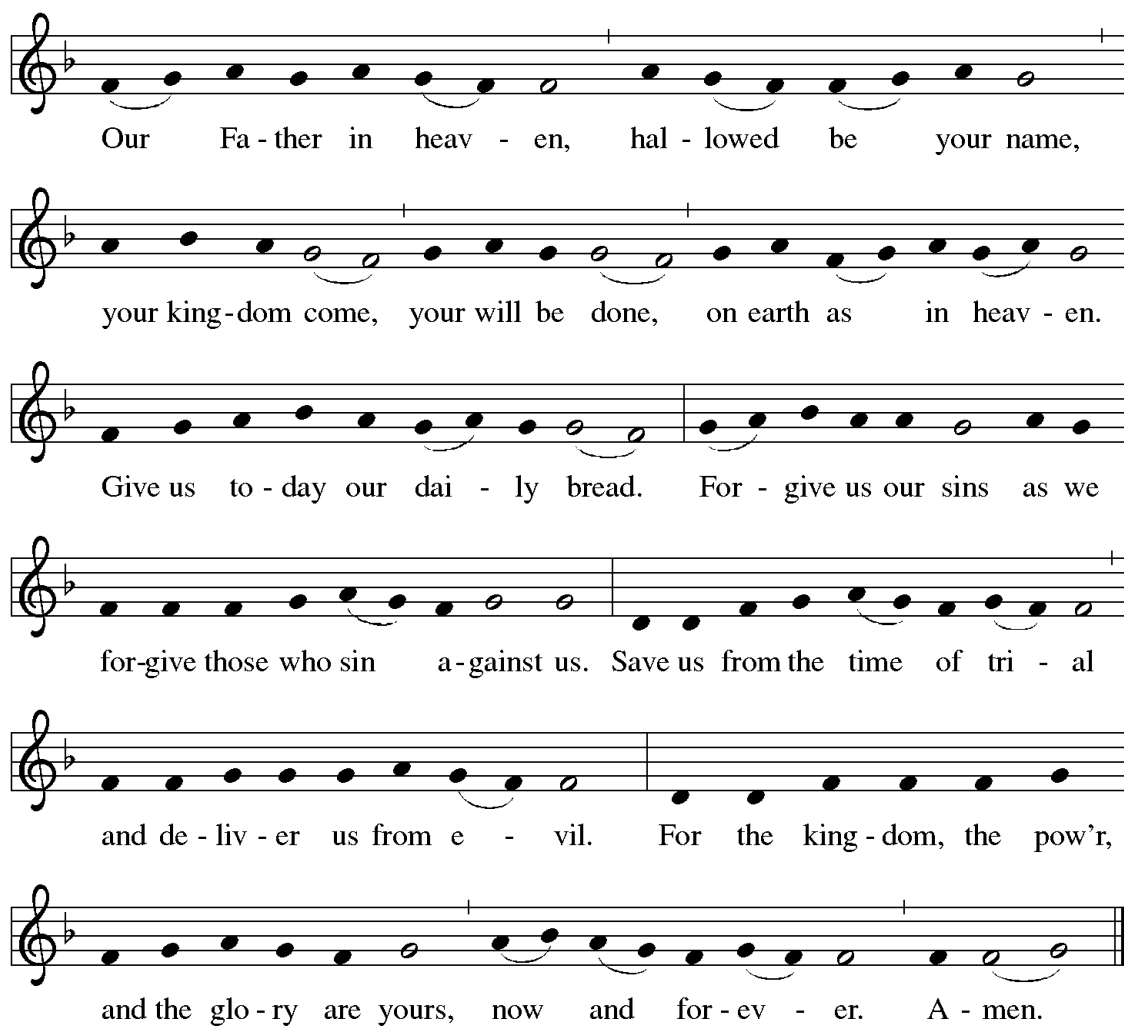
Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night,

so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may

find our rest in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **A - men.**

The Lord's Prayer

All sing.



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we

for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al

and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,

and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. **A - men.**

Benedicamus and Blessing

