

## COMPLINE – PRAYER AT THE END OF THE DAY

### GATHERING



☐ The Lord almighty 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.

### NIGHT HYMN

*To You, Before the Close of Day*

LBW 277



1 To you, be - fore the close of day, Cre - a - tor of the  
2 From e - vil dreams de - fend our sight, from all the ter - rors  
3 O Fa - ther, this we ask be done through Je - sus Christ, your



world, we pray! Your grace and peace to us al - low  
of the night, from all de - lud - ing thoughts that creep  
on - ly Son, who with the Ho - ly Ghost and you



and be our guard and keep - er now.  
on heed - less minds dis - armed by sleep.  
shall live and reign all a - ges through. A - men

Text: compline office hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, adapt.  
Music: JAM LUCIS, Benedictine plainsong, mode VI

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*Silence for self-examination.*

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, and in him we are forgiven. We rest now in his peace and rise in the morning to serve him.

## PSALMODY

*One or more psalms are sung or said. Silence for meditation follows each psalm.*

*The psalm prayer appropriate to each psalm follows the silence.*

**Amen**

## BRIEF LESSON

*As a Brief Lesson, one or more of the following, or the appointed reading for the day, are read.*

You are in our midst, O Lord, and you have named us yours; do not forsake us, O Lord our God.

*(Jeremiah 14:0)*

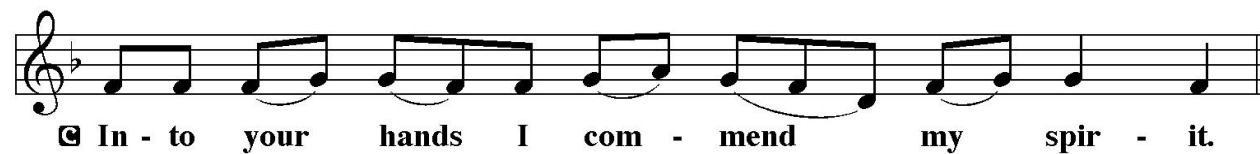
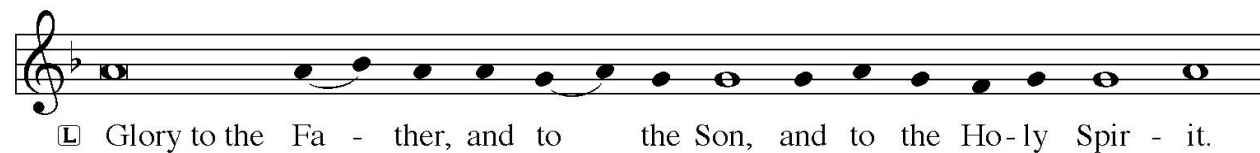
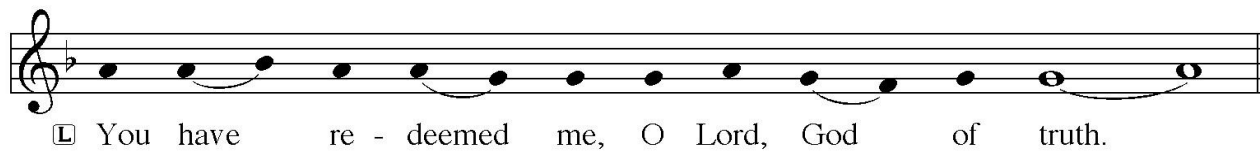
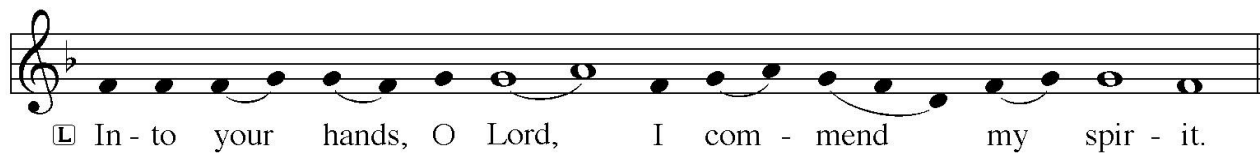
Come to me, all whose work is hard, whose load is heavy, and I will give you rest. Bend your necks to my yoke, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble-hearted; and you will find rest. For my yoke is good to bear, my load is light. *(Matthew 11:28-30)*

Peace is my parting gift to you, my own peace, such as the world cannot give. Set your troubled hearts at rest, and banish your fears. *(John 14:27)*

I am convinced that there is nothing in death or life, in the realm of spirits or super-human powers, in the world as it is or the world as it shall be, in the forces of the universe, in heights or depths – nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *(Romans 8:38-39)*

Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand and he will lift you up in due time. Cast all your cares on him, for you are his charge. 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 5:6-9a)*

## RESPONSORY





- 1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
- 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
- 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed;  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

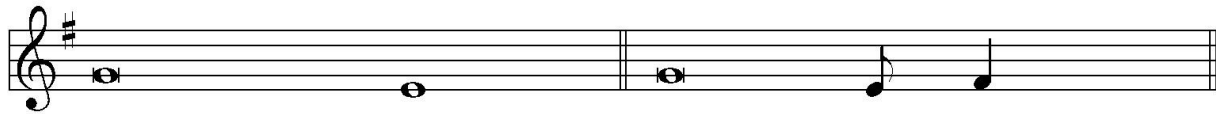
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Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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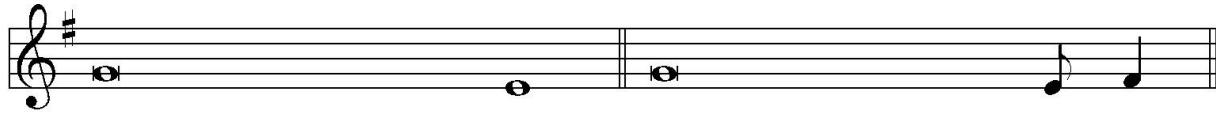
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## PRAYERS



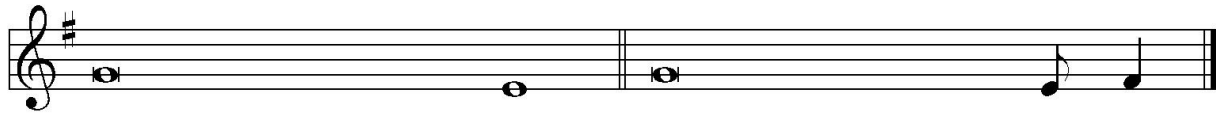
☐ Hear my prayer, O Lord;

☑ 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.

**Amen**

**OR**

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**OR**

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**

**OR**

Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the 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**

**OR**

Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are yours, and to you the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**OR**

Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night; we rest in surety, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep.

**Amen**

## 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 the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## GOSPEL CANTICLE



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.



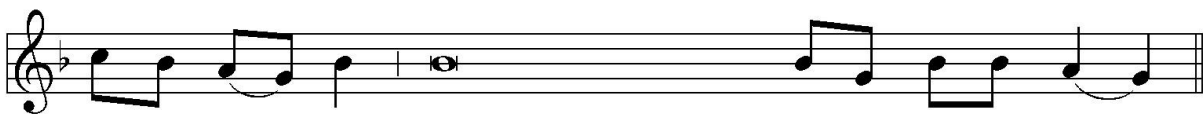
Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful - filled.



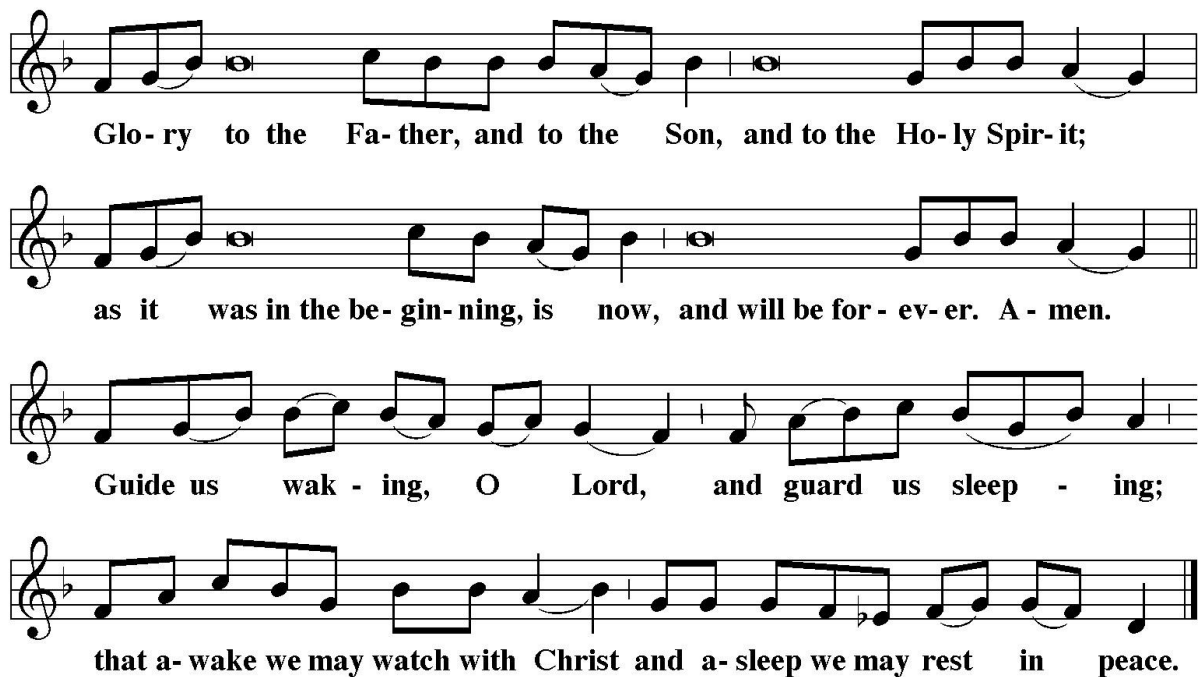
My own eyes have seen the sal-va - tion which you have prepared



in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to reveal you



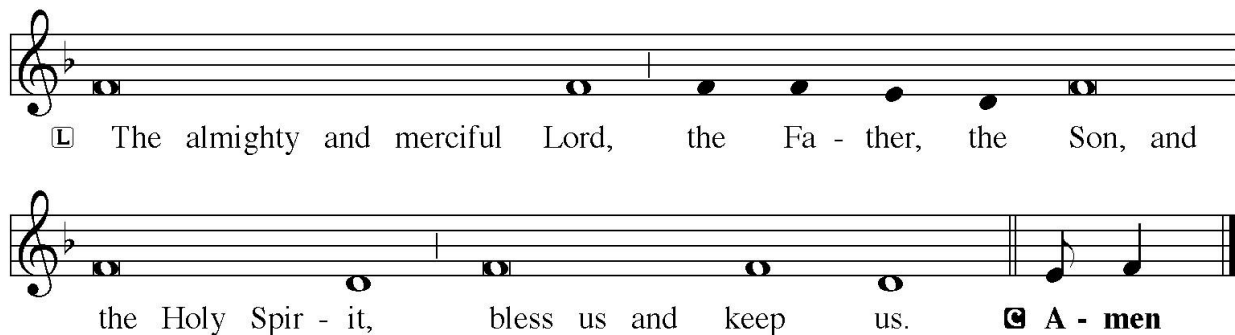
to the na - tions and the glory of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for - ev-er. A - men.  
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.

## BENEDICTION

*The Benediction concludes the service.*



☐ The almighty and merciful Lord, the Fa-ther, the Son, and  
the Holy Spir - it, bless us and keep us. ☑ A - men

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