

Compline · August 12, 2020
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Asheville NC



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Daily prayer is a gift that nourishes growth toward living all of daily life in prayer. Compline offers a time to acknowledge both the gifts and the failings of each day, and we commend ourselves and the whole world into God's hands as night comes.

Opening Verses



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;



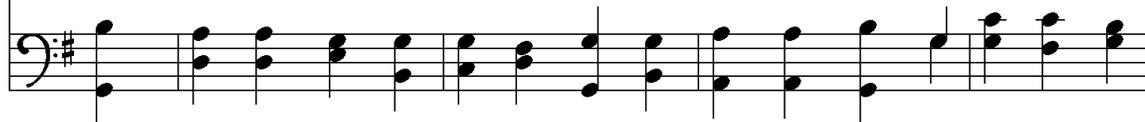
to herald your love in the morning, your truth at the close of the day.

Night Hymn

“All Praise to Thee”



1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the bless-ings of the light.
 2 For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the ill that I this day have done;
 3 Teach me to live, that I may dread the grave as lit - tle as my bed.
 4 Oh, may my soul in thee re - pose, and may sweet sleep mine eye-lids close,
 5 Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;



Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, be - neath thine own al - might - y wings.
 that with the world, my - self, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
 Teach me to die, that so I may rise glo - rious at the awe - some day.
 sleep that shall me more vig - rous make to serve my God when I a - wake!
 praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



* May be sung in canon.

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, in whom we are forgiven.

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

Amen.

Psalm 4

Sung by all

- ¹Answer 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 dishon- | or my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols and run aft- | er false gods?"
- ³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;
when I call upon the LORD, | he will hear me.
- ⁴Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.
- ⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices
and put your trust | in the LORD.
- ⁶Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see | better times!"
Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O LORD.
- ⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.
- ⁸I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep;
for only you, LORD, make me | dwell in safety.

Reading

Job 37: 14-24

“Hear this, O Job; stop and consider the wondrous works of God. Do you know how God lays his command upon them, and causes the lightning of his cloud to shine? Do you know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of the one whose knowledge is perfect, you whose garments are hot when the earth is still because of the south wind? Can you, like him, spread out the skies, hard as a molten mirror? Teach us what we shall say to him; we cannot draw up our case because of darkness. Should he be told that I want to speak? Did anyone ever wish to be swallowed up? Now, no one can look on the light when it is bright in the skies, when the wind has passed and cleared them. Out of the north comes golden splendor; around God is awesome majesty. The Almighty—we cannot find him; he is great in power and justice, and abundant righteousness he will not violate. Therefore mortals fear him; he does not regard any who are wise in their own conceit.”

Reading

Matthew 8: 23-27

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!” And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”

The reading of scripture is followed by silence for reflection and meditation.

Responsory



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



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



You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth.



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



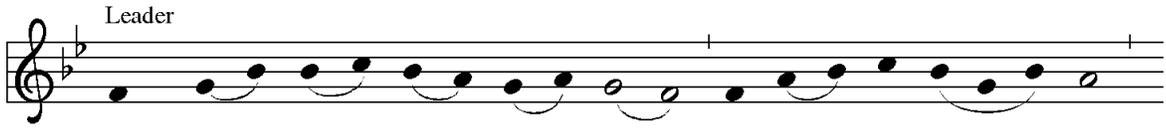
Glory to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.



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



Leader

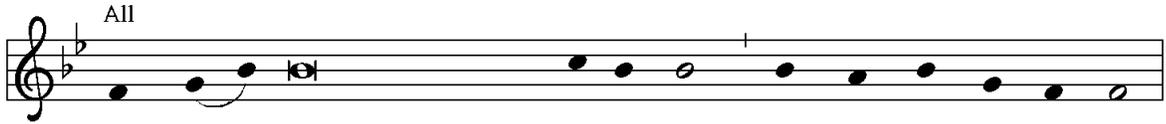


Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing;



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

All



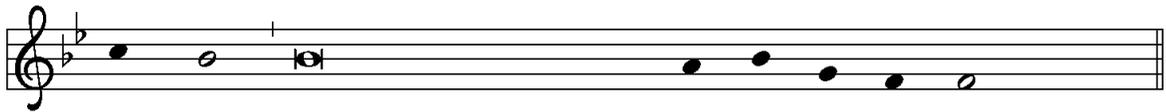
Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.



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.



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

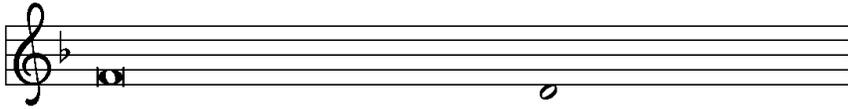


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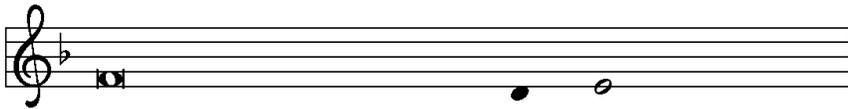
Prayers



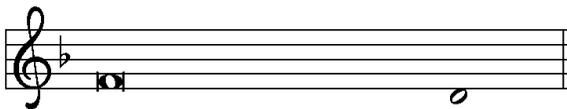
Hear my prayer, O Lord; **listen to my cry.**



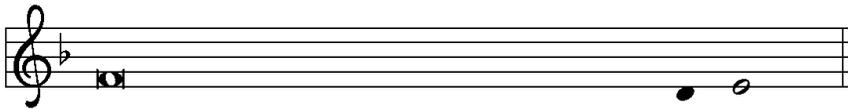
Keep me as the apple of your eye;



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, 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.

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Lord's Prayer



Gathered into one by the Ho-ly Spir - it, let us pray as Je-sus taught us.



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-against us. Save us from the time of tri - al

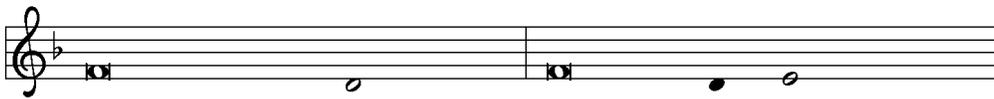


and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,

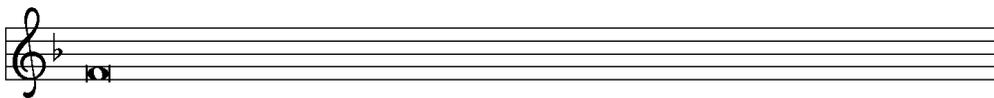


and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

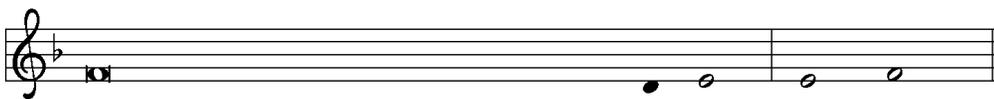
Blessing



Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,



bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forev-er - more. **A - men.**

Peace