

# Compline

## Prayer at the Close of the Day

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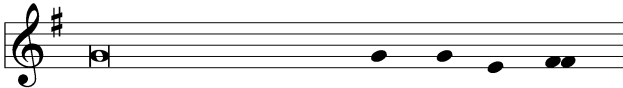
### Opening Versicles



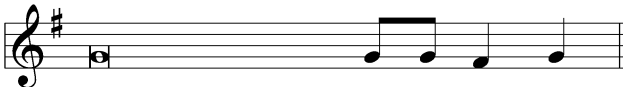
**L** The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



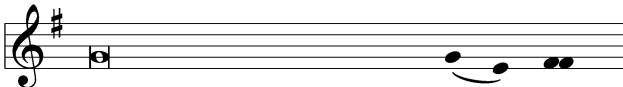
**C** A - men.



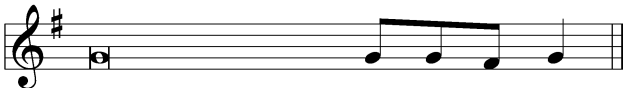
**L** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



**C** to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;



**L** to herald Your love in the morn - ing,



**C** Your truth at the close of the day.

### Confession

- L** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- L** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- C** **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**
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**L** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

**C** Amen.

**Psalm 91** *(Other psalms may be read here as well. Psalms may be read responsively.)*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.  
I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust.”

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence.

He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

You will not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,  
nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.

You will only look with your eyes  
and see the recompense of the wicked.

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
the Most High, who is my refuge—  
no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
no plague come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;  
I will protect him, because he knows my name.

When he calls to me, I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him  
and show him my salvation.”

*(Office Hymn may be sung here)*

## Readings from Holy Scripture

*One or more of the following are read:*

Why should you be like a man confused,  
like a mighty warrior who cannot save?  
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,  
and we are called by your name;  
do not leave us.” *(Jeremiah 14:9)*

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity  
and passing over transgression  
for the remnant of his inheritance?  
He does not retain his anger forever,  
because he delights in steadfast love.  
He will again have compassion on us;  
he will tread our iniquities under foot.  
You will cast all our sins  
into the depths of the sea. *(Micah 7:18-19)*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” *(Matthew 11:28-30)*


Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. *(John 14:27)*

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *(Romans 8:38-39)*

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. *(1 Peter 5:6-9a)*

## Responsory

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**L** In-to Your hands, O Lord, I com-mend my spir-it.




**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



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



**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.




**L** Glory be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.




**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

*(A hymn may be sung here)*

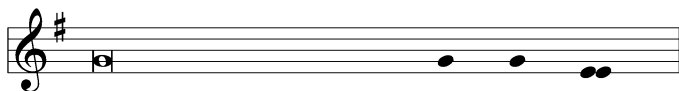
## Prayer



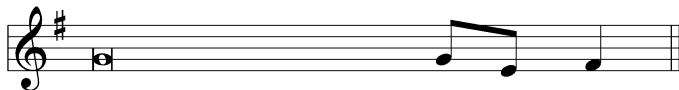
**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;



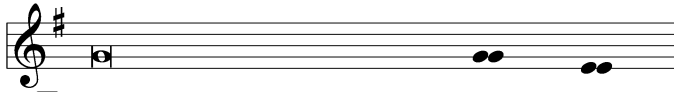
**C** listen to my cry.



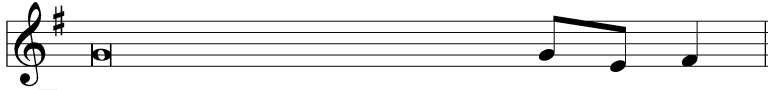
**L** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



**C** hide me in the shadow of Your wings.



**L** In righteousness I shall see You;



**C** when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.

*One or more of the following are prayed:*

- L** 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.
- L** 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.
- L** 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, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- L** 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 on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- L** 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.
- L** Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Lord's Prayer

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**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** 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.

## Nunc Dimittis

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*Antiphon*



**L** Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing  
that a - wake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.



**C** 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 be 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. *Antiphon* Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,  
 and guard us sleep - ing that a - wake we may  
 watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

## Benediction

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

*(A closing hymn may be sung)*

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