

NIGHT PRAYER ✕ COMPLINE

The congregation stands with the Officiant.

The Lord almighty ✕ grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

Amen.

Brethren, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us:

Thanks be to God.

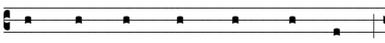
Our help is in the name of the Lord:

Who hath made heaven and earth.

We confess **to God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, through our fault, our own fault, our own most grievous fault: therefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and bring us to everlasting life.**

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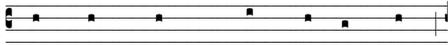
The almighty and merciful Lord grant unto *you* pardon, absolution, and remission of all *your* sins. **Amen.]**



Turn us, O God our Saviour:



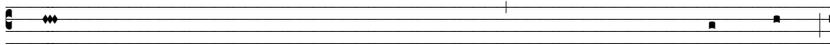
And let thine anger cease from us.



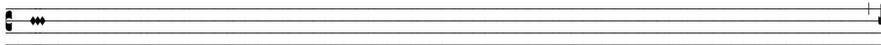
O God, make speed to save us:



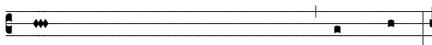
O Lord, make haste to help us.



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.



Praise ye the Lord:



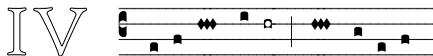
The Lord's name be praised.

ANTIPHON:



Have mercy upon me, O Lord : **and hearken unto my prayer.**

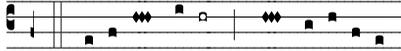
The congregation sits for the PSALMODY which is selected from Psalms 4, 31, 91 and 134 below.



Hear me when I call, O God of my righteous[^]ness • thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour • and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?

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Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the most High • shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strong hold • my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter • and from the noisome pesti^lence.

He shall defend thee under his wings†, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers • his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night • nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness • nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand • but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold • and see the reward of the ungodly.

For thou, Lord, art my hope • thou hast set thine house of def^ense very^high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee • neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee • to keep thee in all thy^hways.

They shall bear thee in their hands • that thou hurt not thy foot against a^hstone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder • the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him • I will set him up, because he hath known my^hName.

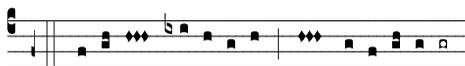
He shall call upon me, and I will hear him • yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

With long life will I satisfy him • and shew him my salvation.

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.

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Behold now, praïse the Lord • all ye servants of the[^]Lord;

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord • even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctu-ary • [- -] and praise the[^]Lord.

The Lord that made heaven and earth • give thee blessing out of Sion.

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.

The ANTIPHON is repeated at the end of the PSALMODY:



Have mercy upon me, O Lord : and hearken unto my prayer.

The SCRIPTURE READING is selected from those beneath, or another suitable brief passage.

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

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek, and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

St Matthew 11.28-30

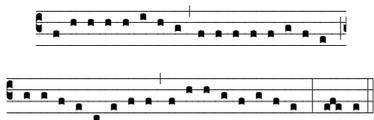
Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Deuteronomy 6.4-7

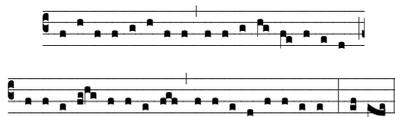
Silence is kept.

All then sing the OFFICE HYMN.

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festal tone



Before the ending of the day,
**Creator of the world we pray,
That with thy wonted favour thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.**

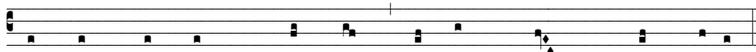
**From evil dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.**

**O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.**

The RESPONSORY is sung or said.



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



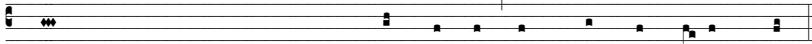
Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.



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



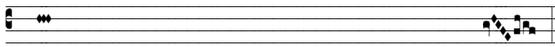
I commend my spirit.



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



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

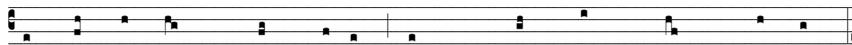


Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of an eye:

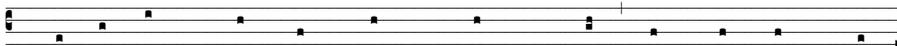


Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

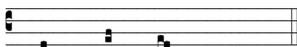
The NUNC DIMITTIS, with ANTIPHON, is sung or said.



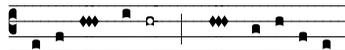
Save us, O Lord, while waking, **and guard us while sleeping.**



That awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we



may rest in peace.



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;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles • and to be the glory of thy people Isra[^]el.

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.

All repeat the ANTIPHON.



Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while



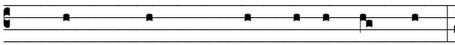
sleeping. That awake we may watch with Christ, and



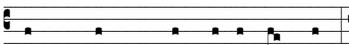
asleep we may rest in peace.



Lord, have mercy upon us.



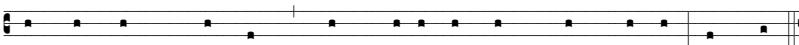
Christ, have mercy upon us.



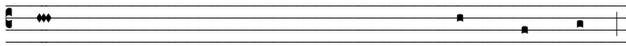
Lord, have mercy upon us.



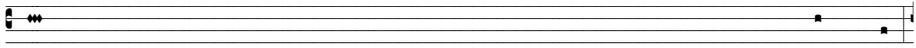
Our Father, **which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not ...**



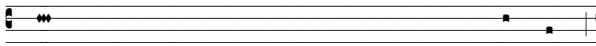
into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.



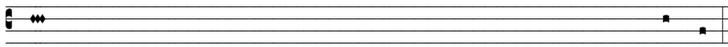
We will lay us down in peace and take our rest:



For it is thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety.



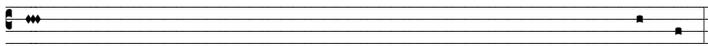
Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers:



To be praised and glorified above all for ever.



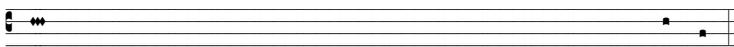
Let us bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost:



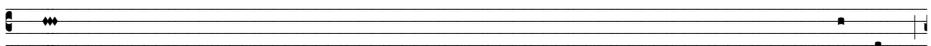
Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.



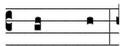
Blessed are thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:



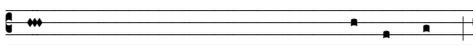
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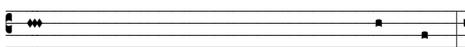
The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing.



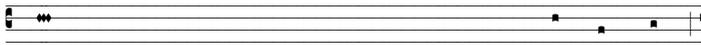
Amen.



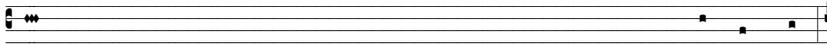
O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us:



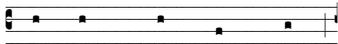
And grant us thy salvation.



Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin:



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



O Lord, hear our prayer:



And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place and our homes, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let thy holy angels dwell therein to preserve us in peace; and may thy blessing be upon us evermore; through Christ our Lord.



Amen.

Other prayers may be added from those overleaf.

Lighten our darkness we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who at the hour of Compline didst rest in the sepulchre, and didst thereby sanctify the grave as a bed of hope to thy people; Make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins, which were the cause of thy passion, that when our bodies lie in the dust, our souls may live with thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. **Amen.**

Look down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the children of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Be present, O merciful Lord, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you:
And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

May the divine assistance remain with us always and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

A seasonal anthem to Our Lady may now be sung.



Please keep silence for three minutes at the end of the Office.
