

LBW Compline (Night Prayer)

GATHERING

The congregation assembles in silence.



☐ 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

All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night



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 him, 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 him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Silence for self-examination.

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

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen

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PSALMODY

PSALM 34

- ¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- ²I will glory in the LORD;
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- ³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt his name together.
- ⁴I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- ⁵Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- ⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
- ⁷The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.
- ⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who trust in him!
- ⁹Fear the LORD, you that are his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- ¹⁰The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- ¹¹Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- ¹²Who among you loves life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
- ¹³Keep your tongue from evil speaking
and your lips from lying words.
- ¹⁴Turn from evil and do good;

seek peace and pursue it.

- ¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
- ¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- ¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.
- ¹⁸The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
- ¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.
- ²⁰He will keep safe all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken.
- ²¹Evil shall slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- ²²The LORD ransoms the life of his servants,
and none will be punished who trust in him.

Silence for reflection.

PSALM PRAYER

You are our rock and our salvation, O God, a very present help in times of trouble. Strengthen us for the living of these days, and grant us to grace to rest in you. We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ.

Amen

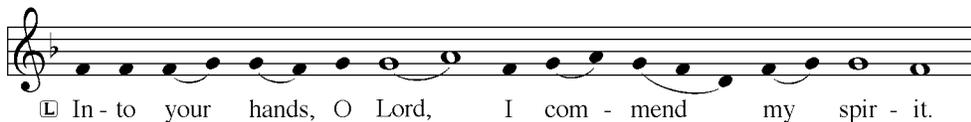
BRIEF LESSON

As a Brief Lesson, one or more of the following 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*)

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*)

RESPONSORY





☐ 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.

THE HYMN

Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
3 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



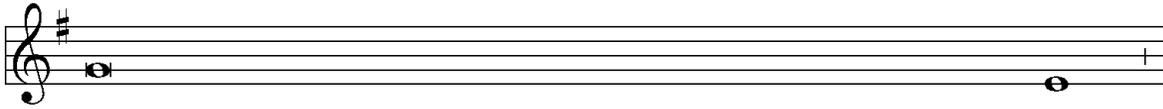
When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



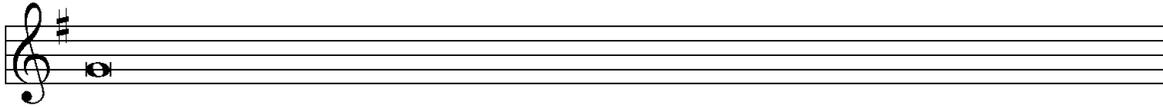
help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

PRAYERS

One or more of the following prayers are sung or said.



☒ 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**

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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

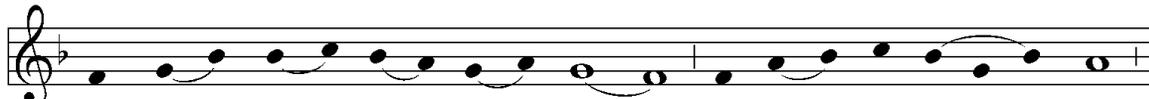
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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

The Gospel Canticle is sung.



☐ 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.



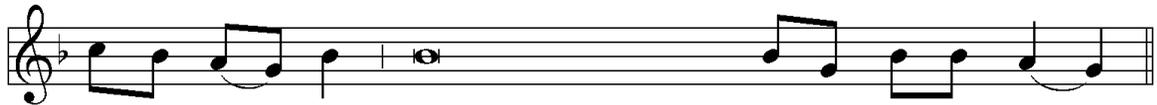
☑ Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful - filled.



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.



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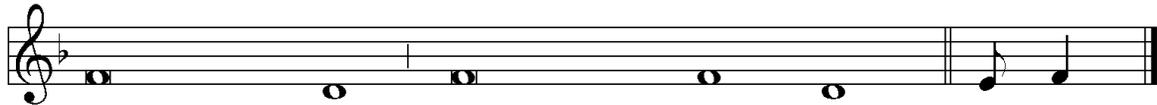
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BENEDICTION

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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