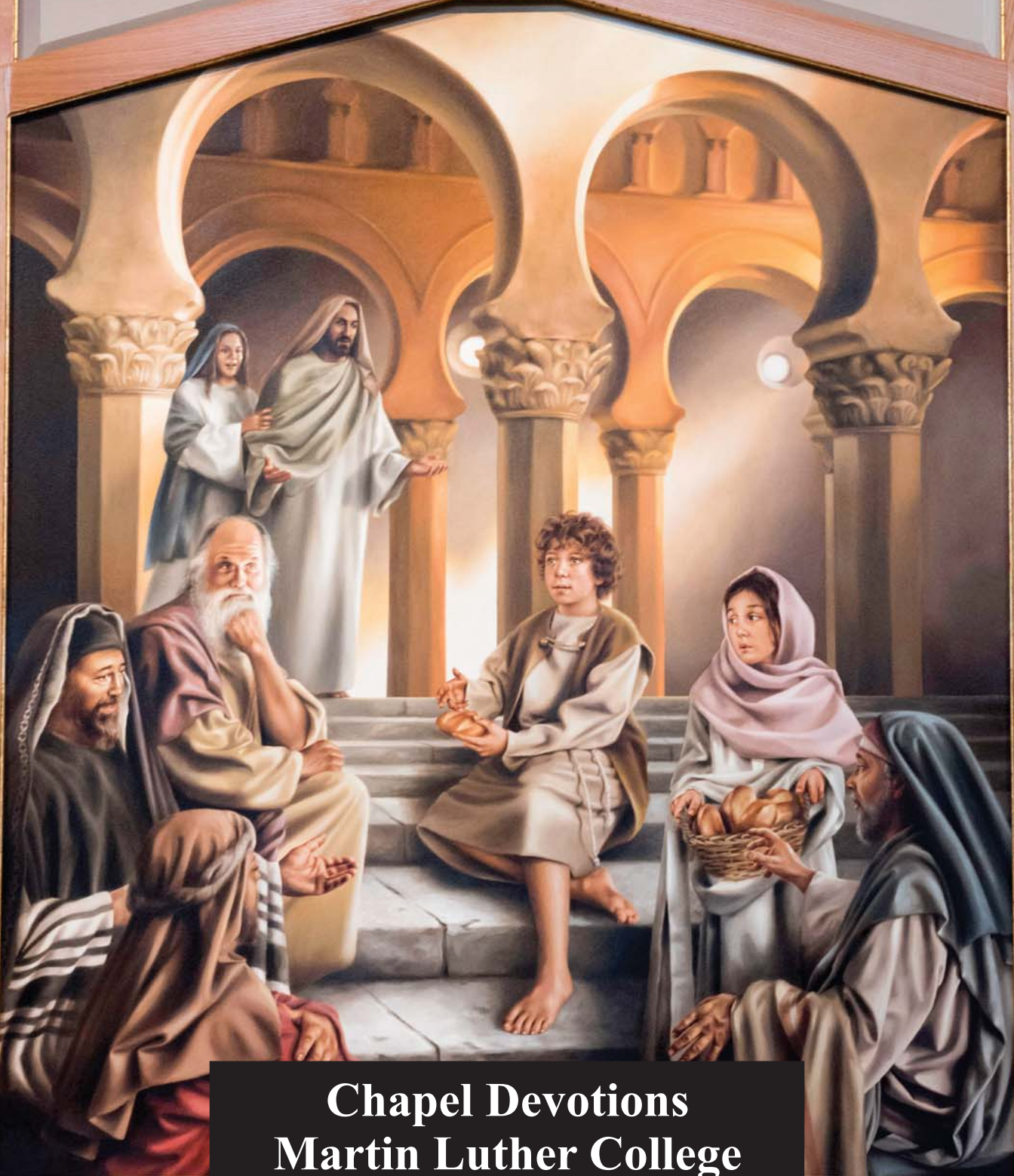


I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE



**Chapel Devotions
Martin Luther College
2015-2017**

Order of Service - A
for Wednesday Morning Chapel

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

And also with you. (*spoken*)

PRAYER

PSALM

LESSON

ANTHEM or HYMN

BLESSING

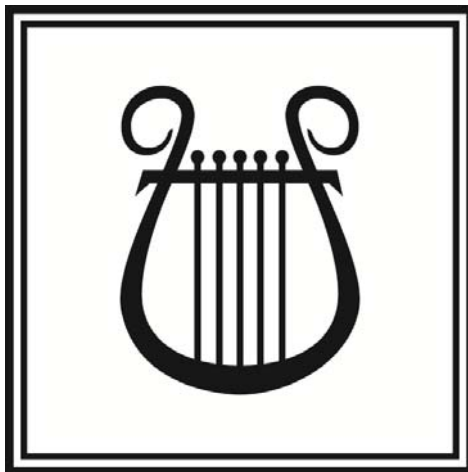
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen. Amen. Amen. (*sung*)

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Order of Service - B

HYMN

LESSON

PRAYER

O Lord, show us your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.

O Lord, save us from our sin.
And mercifully hear us when we call on your name.

O Lord, show us your paths of righteousness.
And make us joyful in your salvation.

Make our hearts clean within us, O God.
And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

BLESSING

May the God of hope fill us with joy and peace through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen. (spoken)

Bless we the Lord.
Thanks be to God!



In peace, Lord, you let your
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Order of Service - C

This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:
The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

The Lord's right hand is lifted high;
The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

We will not die but live.
We will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.
His love endures forever.

HYMN

LESSON



Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

PRAYER

BLESSING

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

Amen. (*spoken*)

Order of Service - D

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. (*spoken*)

"From the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations," says the Lord of hosts. Praise the Lord.

The name of the Lord be praised!

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

LESSON

HYMN

PRAYER

Eternal God, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
to direct and rule us according to your will,
to comfort us in all our afflictions,
to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord Almighty order this day and all our doings in his peace.

Amen. (*spoken*)

Order of Service - E

In the name of him who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen. (*spoken*)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead;

He is the head of the body, the church.

Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him,

And all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him.

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

The home of righteousness.

"Behold, I am coming soon!" says the King of Kings.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

LESSON

HYMN

PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. By your Holy Spirit preserve us in the true, saving faith through your eternal Word, and bring us through death and the end of this present evil age into the kingdom of your Father. Clothe us in your righteousness that we may stand at the final Judgment, and so inherit all the joys that you have promised to those who believe in you. For from you and through you and to you are all things.

Amen.

BLESSING

Grace and peace to you from him who is, who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who has freed us from our sins by his blood.

Amen.

Order of Service - F

O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth will declare your praise. (*spoken*)

O Lord, you are kind and forgiving, full of love to all who call on you. Listen to our prayer, O Lord; hear the cries of our pleading.

Have mercy on us and grant us your peace.

Praise be to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: let us worship him.

GLORY BE TO GOD

The musical score for 'Glory Be to God' is written on ten staves of music. The melody is in a single line, using a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo and meter are not explicitly stated. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Glo - ry to God in the'. The second staff contains 'high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.'. The third staff contains 'Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and'. The fourth staff contains 'Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we'. The fifth staff contains 'praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the'. The sixth staff contains 'high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.'. The seventh staff contains 'Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly'. The eighth staff contains 'Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,'. The ninth staff contains 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the'. The tenth staff contains 'world; have mer - cy on us.'.

Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -

ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

LESSON

HYMN

PRAYER

BLESSING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen. (*sung*)

Order of Service – G

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,

but the LORD rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.

Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

The sun will no more be your light by day,
nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you,
for the LORD will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.

Your sun will never set again,
and your moon will wane no more;
the LORD will be your everlasting light,
and your days of sorrow will end.

Then all your people will be righteous
and they will possess the land forever. Amen.

HYMN

LESSON

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our bright Morning Star, hear the prayers we bring.
Answer our prayers in your grace and mercy.

Sustain us in the tasks you have given us individually and as a community.
Energize our bodies and minds for useful service, and help us find joy in the light of your love.

Let our love for each other shine as brightly as your love for us.
Let no selfish darkness hamper our caring or cloud our kindness.

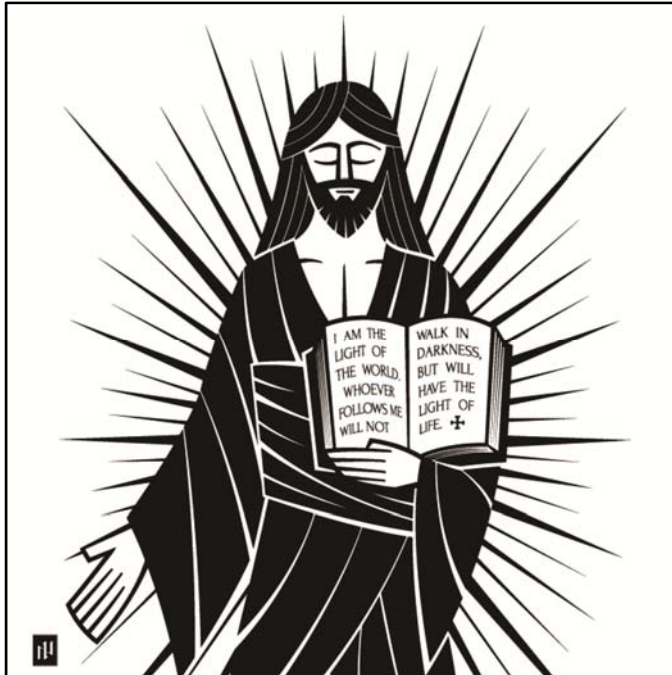
Strengthen us as witnesses of your redemption, and encourage us to testify with our lips
and our lives.
Make all of us at this school brilliant gospel lights.

[INTERCESSORY PRAYERS may be said]

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us, and upon our worship and work.
His light to guide us; his presence to strengthen us; his love to unite us now and always.
Amen. *(spoken)*



Order of Service - H

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. (*spoken*)

O Lord, have mer-cy, O Lord, have
mer-cy. O Christ have mer-cy, O Christ, have—
mer - cy. O Lord, have mer-cy, O Lord, have
mer - cy on— us. A - men. A - men.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

LESSON

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

PRAYER

God of mercy, compassion, and healing, you are more willing to forgive than we are to confess. We thank you that you hear us when we pray, that you share our suffering and pain, and that you forgive our sins. Remind us that with you there is mercy, and let us hear joy and gladness. Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen. Amen. Amen. (*sung*)

Order of Service – I

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, Word of God Incarnate:
To you alone be the glory!

You are the Christ, the promised One, the Redeemer of the world.
You have done marvelous things! Praise the Lord!

Psalm 111

(The psalm is sung. It may also be read responsively or a hymn may be sung.)

Refrain

Glo - ri - ous and ma - jes - tic are his deeds, and his

righ - teous - ness en - dures for - ev - er, for - ev - er.

Psalm tone

Refrain

I will extol the Lord with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.
Great are the works of the Lord;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.
Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.

Refrain

He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and compassionate.
He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

Refrain

LESSON

Psalm 111 *continued*

Refrain- keyboard only

He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.
The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

Refrain

They are established forever and ever,
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.
He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever—
holy and awesome is his name.

Refrain

PRAYER

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise. (*spoken*)

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen. Amen. Amen. (*sung*)



Order of Service – J

HYMN

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

And also with you. (*spoken*)

LESSON

Sing:

**Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,
May all your graces be outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart;
Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of your light
In holy faith your Church unite
From every land and every tongue;
This to your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Come, holy Light, Guide divine,
And cause the Word of life to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright
And call him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free;
Let none but Christ our Master be
That we in living faith abide,
In him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

A LITANY ON THE CREED

Lord God, Father Almighty, you made us the crown of all your creatures, and you preserve us with every good thing to nourish our body and give joy to our life:

You have done this out of pure goodness and mercy, and not because we have earned or deserved it. Help us to thank and praise you by using your gifts in joyful service to you.

Lord Jesus Christ, God's only Son from eternity, you have redeemed us lost and condemned creatures with your holy precious blood. You have set us free from all sin, from death, and from the devil's power:

You did this to make us your own, that we may live with you in your kingdom and serve you eternally, just as you rose from death to live and rule eternally.

O Holy Spirit, you have called us from the darkness of unbelief by means of the gospel; you have illumined our hearts with faith and united us into one family with our Lord Jesus Christ.

You do this that we may be filled with the rich gifts of your grace: an unwavering trust, love that knows no end, and courage to meet every trial in life and death.

All blessing, honor, thanks and praise
To Father, Son and Spirit,
The God that saved us by his grace –
All glory to his merit!
O Triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed your saving love,
Your blessed name be hallowed!

Sing:

**Come, holy Fire, Comfort true;
Grant us the will your work to do
And in your service to abide;
Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by your pow'r prepare each heart,
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to you, our Lord, ascend.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen. Amen. Amen. (*sung*)



Order of Service – K

HYMN

LESSON

Sing:

My song is love unknown,
 My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
 That they might lovely be.
O who am I
 That for my sake
 My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne
 Salvation to bestow,
But such disdain! So few
 The longed-for Christ would know!
But, oh, my friend,
 My friend indeed,
 Who at my need
His life did spend!

PRAYER:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love.
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Save me from bloodguilt, O God, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the sons of God.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.

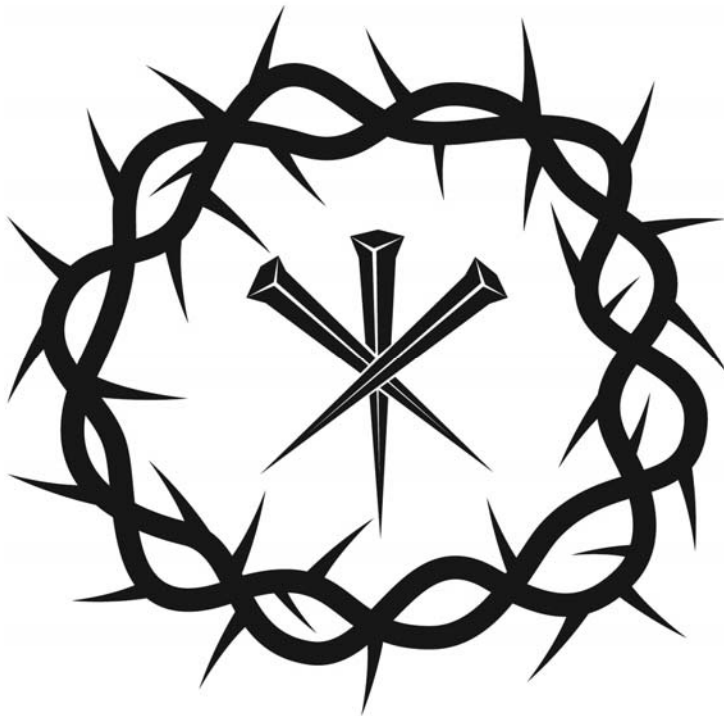
Sing:

**Here might I stay and sing;
No story so divine,
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!**

BLESSING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen. (*sung*)



Order of Service – L
Prayer Before Traveling

I lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from?
My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip - he who watches over you will not slumber;
Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD watches over you - the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life;
The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

HYMN OR PSALM

LESSON

PRAYER

Merciful Father, bless our partings with the grace and affection that come from you;
We entrust each other to your providence and tender care.

Renew our bodies and minds with this break in our routine;
Then bring us together again, if this is your will for us.

Let us not take for granted the pleasure of earthly reunions;
Let them lift our thoughts to our joyful reunion in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[INTERCESSORY PRAYERS may be said]

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.

BLESSING

Now may the almighty and merciful Lord direct and preserve us on our way, and may he send his holy angels to accompany us, that we may travel in peace, in safety, and in joy, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. (*spoken*)



Order of Service - M

An Evening Prayer Service

As we gather together, Lord, we understand that it is not our own wisdom which will make sense of all that has happened today,
but your wisdom, which knows the desires and guides the lives of us all.

As we gather together, Lord, we understand that it is not our own hearts that foster strength and courage and hope and joy,
but your heart that loves us with a never-failing love.

As we gather together, Lord, we understand that it is not our will or power which will see us through the challenges, difficulties and labor of each day,
**but your holy will,
and your desire to forgive our sins, and
your zeal to redeem our lives,
and your determination to restore our holiness, and
grant us peace in Christ.**

So bring me the gift of...
light in my darkness and forgiveness in my sin.

Please, bring me the gift of...
peace in my turmoil and confidence in my doubt.

Bless me with the gift of...
courage in my fear and joy in my sorrow.

Make me rich with the gifts of...
love in the face of hate and life in the face of death.

Yes, bring me all the great and precious gifts...
of Christ in his grace and power. Amen.

LESSON

PRAYER

HYMN

BLESSING

The Lord who conquered darkness with light,
give us peace.

The Lord who conquered sin with his blood,
give us peace.

The Lord who conquered death with resurrection and life,
give us peace. Amen.

PRAYER AT THE CLOSE OF DAY

COMPLINE: Setting I

"Prayer at the Close of Day" is a version of the historic rite called Compline. It is the final service of the day before one retires for the night. The congregation gathers in silence. Preservice music is omitted and the lighting is subdued. This is a time for prayer and meditation. The believer finds peace in God's forgiveness and security under the shadow of his wings.

REMAIN SEATED

The following sentences are sung or said.



L The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.



G A - men.



L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



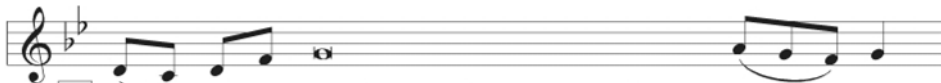
G to sing praise to your name, O Most High,



L to herald your love in the morn - ing,



G your truth at the close of day.



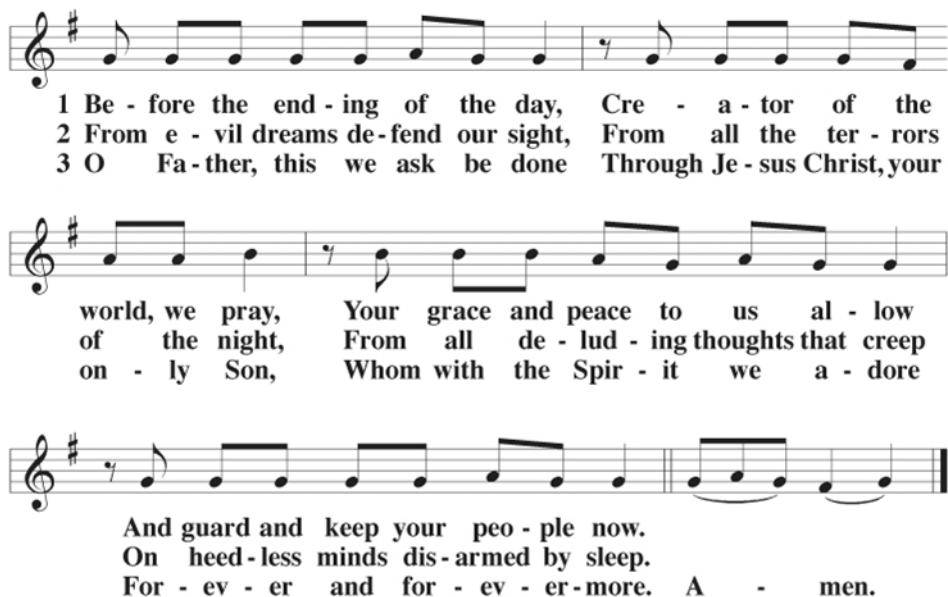
L Je - sus, re - member me when you come into your king - dom.



G Jesus, remember me when you come into your king - dom.

EVENING HYMN

The following or another evening hymn is sung.



1 Be - fore the end - ing of the 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, Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore
And guard and keep your peo - ple now.
On heed - less minds dis - armed by sleep.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more. A - men.

The congregation may kneel.

CONFESSION OF SINS

[L] Our help is in the name of the Lord,

[G] who made heaven and earth.

[L] Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination

[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 grievous fault;
wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life.

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

[L] Amen.

**[G] 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 grievous fault;
wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life.**

**[L] The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness,
and remission of all your sins.**

[G] Amen.

OR

[L] Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**[G] we have sinned against you
in our thoughts,
in our words, in
our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us,
that we may rest in peace.**

**[L] By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,
and in him we are forgiven.
Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun
when we shall serve him in newness of life.**

[G] Amen.

REMAIN SEATED

PSALM 91



He who dwells in the shelter of the / Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Al - / mighty.
I will say / of the LORD,
"He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in / whom I trust."

Surely he will save you from the / fowler's snare
and from the deadly / pestilence.
He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find /
refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and / rampart.

Refrain

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that / flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at /
midday.
A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at / your right hand,
but it will not come / near you.

Refrain

If you make the Most High your dwelling even the LORD, who is my / refuge,
then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come / near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in / all your
ways;
they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot
a - / gainst a stone.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be - / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

Refrain

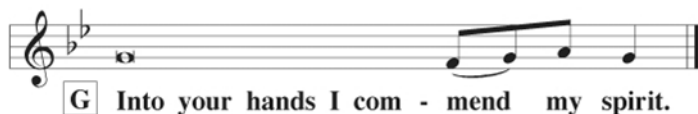
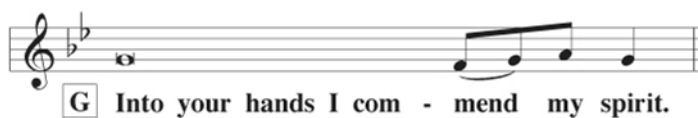
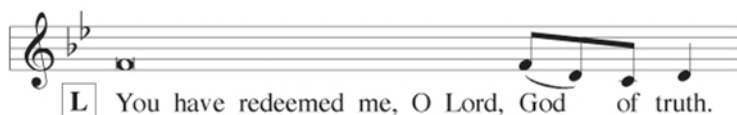
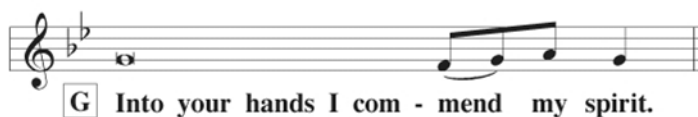
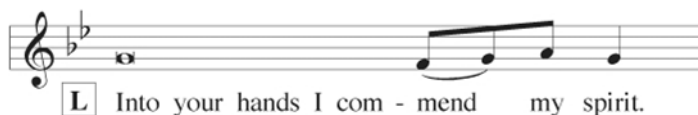
Silence for meditation

[L] Lord God, our refuge and fortress, your faithfulness has protected us through this day. Now send your holy angels to guard us from danger through this night. Give us peaceful rest, free from fear, that we may wake refreshed to serve you, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

[G] Amen.

LESSON

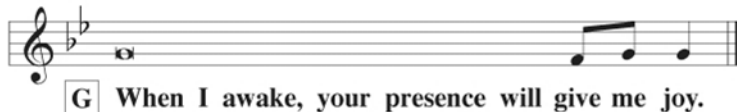
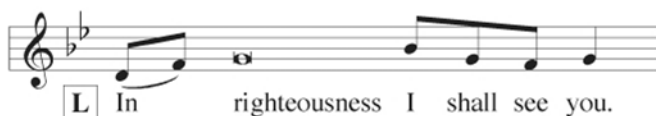
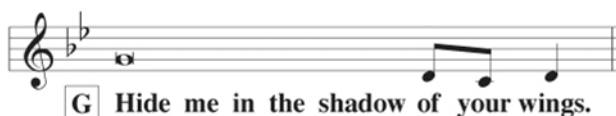
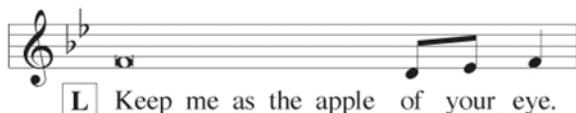
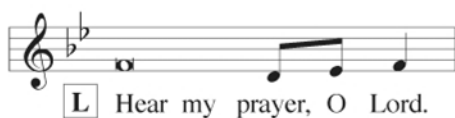
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HYMN

PRAYER

The following are sung or said.



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

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OR

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OR

[L] O God our Father, by your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other

and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OR

[L] Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, bless the dying and all for your love's sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OR

[L] Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illuminate this night with your celestial brightness, that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OR for Saturday

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The Lord's Prayer is said or sung on a single tone.

[G] **Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who
 sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours now
 and forever. Amen.**

HYMN

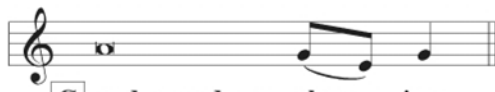
GOSPEL CANTICLE

The following is sung or said.

Antiphon



L Guide us waking, O Lord,



G and guard us sleep - ing,



L that awake we may watch with Christ



G and asleep we may rest in peace.

Song of Simeon



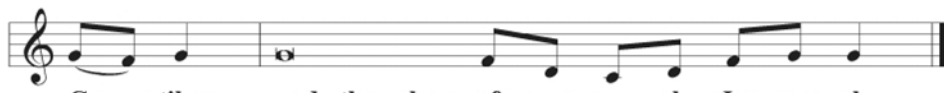
G In peace, Lord, you let your ser-vant now de-part according



to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion,

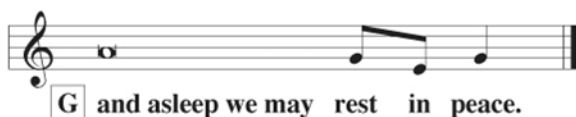
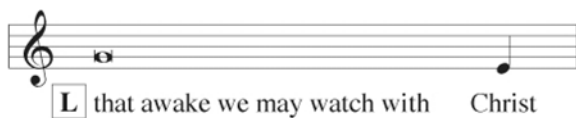
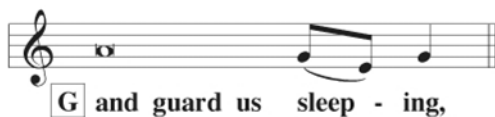
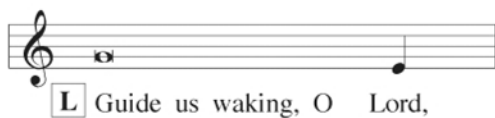


which you have prepared for every peo - ple, a light to light - en the



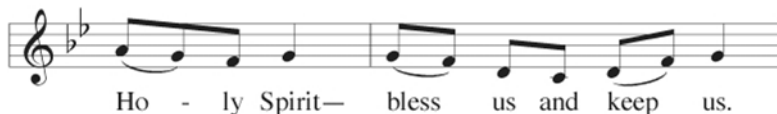
Gen - tiles and the glory of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Antiphon



BLESSING

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PRAYER AT THE CLOSE OF DAY

COMPLINE: Setting II

"Prayer at the Close of Day" is a version of the historic rite called Compline. It is the final service of the day before one retires for the night. The congregation gathers in silence. Preservice music is omitted, and the lighting is subdued. This is a time for prayer and meditation. The believer finds peace in God's forgiveness and security under the shadow of his wings.

REMAIN SEATED

L The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et
night and peace at the last. **G** A -
- - men. **L** It is good to give thanks to the
Lord, **G** to sing praise to your name, O Most High,
L to her - ald your love in the morn - ing, **G** your
truth at the close of day. **L** Je - sus, re - mem - ber
me when you come in - to your king - dom.
G Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in -
to your king - dom.

EVENING HYMN

The following or another evening hymn is sung.



1 Be - fore the end - ing of the 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, Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore



And guard and keep your peo - ple now.
On heed - less minds dis - armed by sleep.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more. A - men.

The congregation may kneel.

CONFESSION OF SINS

[L] Our help is in the name of the Lord,

[G] who made heaven and earth.

[L] Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination

[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 grievous fault;
wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life.

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

[L] Amen.

**[G] I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
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by my fault,
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forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life.**

**[L] The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness,
and remission of all your sins.**

[G] Amen.

OR

[L] Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

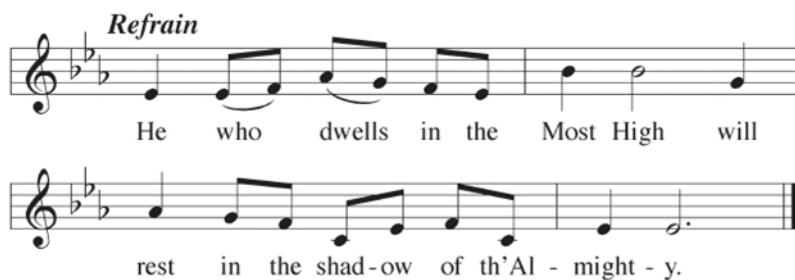
**[G] we have sinned against you
in our thoughts,
in our words, in
our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us,
that we may rest in peace.**

**[L] By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,
and in him we are forgiven.
Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun
when we shall serve him in newness of life.**

[G] Amen.

REMAIN SEATED

PSALM 91



He who dwells in the shelter of the / Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Al- / mighty.

I will say / of the LORD,

"He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in / whom I trust."

Surely he will save you from the / fowler's snare
and from the deadly / pestilence.

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find /
refuge;

his faithfulness will be your shield and / rampart.

Refrain

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that / flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at /
midday.

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

Refrain

If you make the Most High your dwelling, even the LORD, who is my / refuge
then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come / near your tent.

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

they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot
a- / gainst a stone.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Refrain

Silence for meditation

[L] Lord God, our refuge and fortress, your faithfulness has protected us through this day. Now send your holy angels to guard us from danger through this night. Give us peaceful rest, free from fear, that we may wake refreshed to serve you, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

[G] Amen.

LESSON

The following response is sung or said.

[L] In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. [G] In - to your

hands I com-mend my spir - it. [L] You have re-deemed me, O

Lord, God of truth. [G] In - to your hands I com-mend my

spir - it. [L] Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son (✠)

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. [G] In - to your

hands I com - mend my spir - it.

HYMN

PRAYER

The following are sung or said.

[L] Hear my prayer, O Lord. [G] Lis-ten to my cry.

[L] Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye. [G] Hide me

in the shad-ow of your wings. [L] In right-eous -

ness I shall see you. [G] When I a - wake, your

pres - ence will give me joy.

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

[L] 1 Be present, O merciful God, 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 rest in your eternal changelessness,

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

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For Saturday

6 We give you thanks, O God, for revealing your Son, Jesus Christ, to us by the light of his resurrection. Grant that as we sing your glory at the close of this day, our joy may abound in the morning as we celebrate the Paschal mystery,

Each prayer concludes:

[L] through Jesus Christ our Lord.



LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer is said, sung on a single tone, or sung as follows:

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of a half note G, followed by a quarter note A, then a dotted half note G. The lyrics "G Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal-lowed be your" are written below the staff, with "G" in a box.

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 - gainst us. Lead us

not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from

e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are

yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

HYMN

GOSPEL CANTICLE

The following is sung or said.

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

Song of Simeon

[G] In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser-vant now de -
part ac - cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal-
va - tion, which you have pre-pared for ev-'ry peo-ple, a
light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo-ry of your peo-ple
Is - ra - el. In peace, in peace.

BLESSING

[L] The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us.

[G] Amen.

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