

I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE



MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE WORSHIP

COMPLINE I

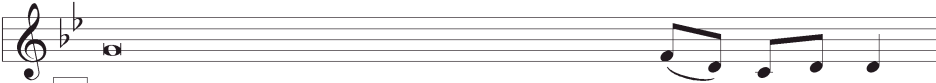
PRAYER AT THE CLOSE OF DAY

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

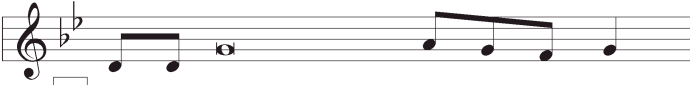
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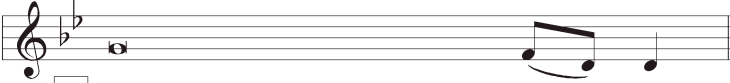
L The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.




G A - men.



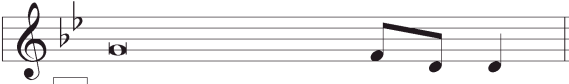
L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



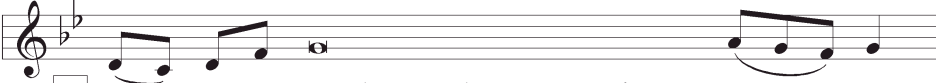
G to sing praise to your name, O Most High,



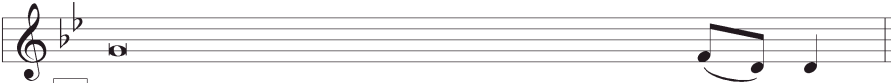
L to herald your love in the morn - ing,



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.

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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

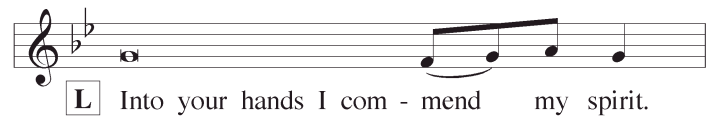
Silence for meditation

[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.

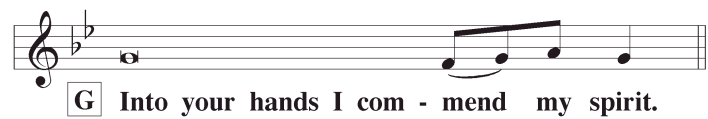
[G] Amen.

LESSON

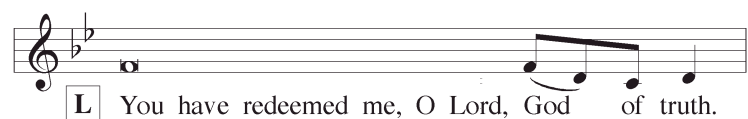
The following response is sung or said.



L Into your hands I com - mend my spirit.



G Into your hands I com - mend my spirit.



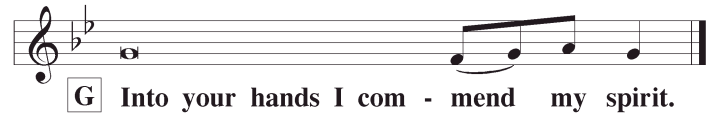
L You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.



G Into your hands I com - mend my spirit.



L Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

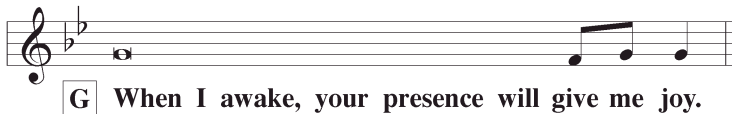
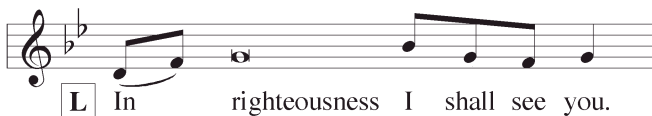
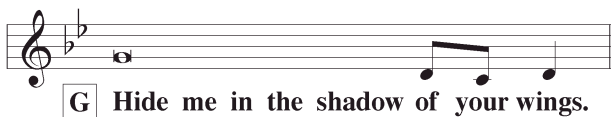
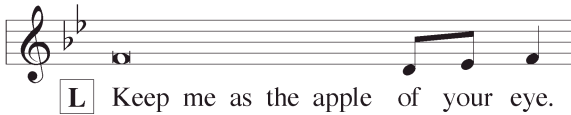


G Into your hands I com - mend my spirit.

HYMN

PRAYER

The following are sung or said.



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

[L] 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OR

[L] 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

[L] 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



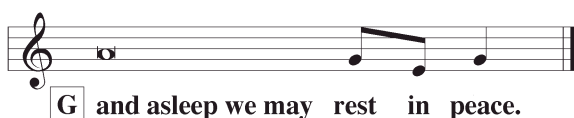
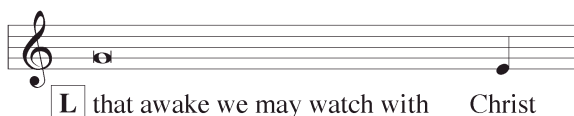
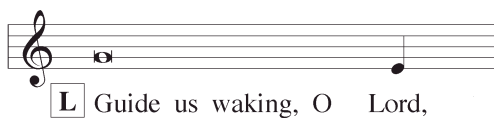
The Lord's Prayer is said or sung on a single tone.

[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.**

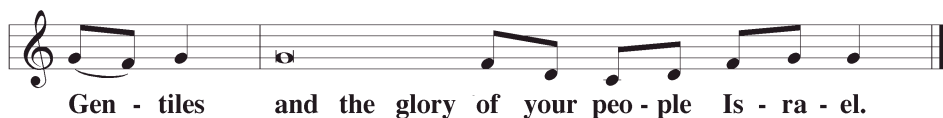
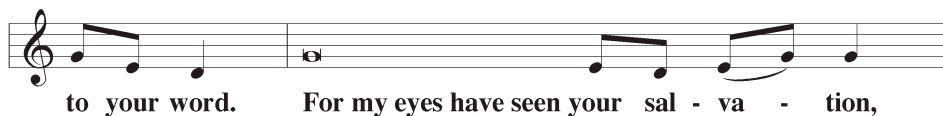
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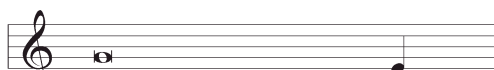
The following is sung or said.



Song of Simeon



Antiphon



L Guide us waking, O Lord,



G and guard us sleep - ing,



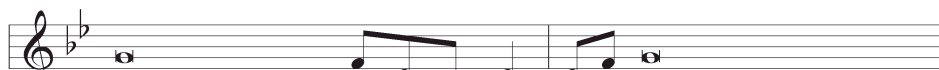
L that awake we may watch with Christ



G and asleep we may rest in peace.

BLESSING

The Blessing is sung or said.



L The almighty and mer-ci - ful Lord— the Father, the Son, (✠) and the



Ho - ly Spirit— bless us and keep us.



G A - men.

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