

The Order for COMPLINE

This service is sung by all who wish to join. Please sing alternate verses of the psalms and canticle. Other texts to be said by all are in bold type.

All standing up, the Minister shall say

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

Beloved: 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.

V. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

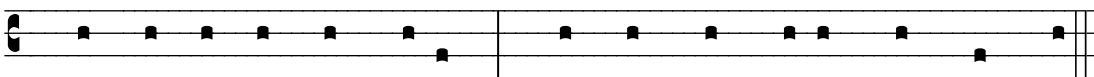
R. **Thanks be to God.**

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

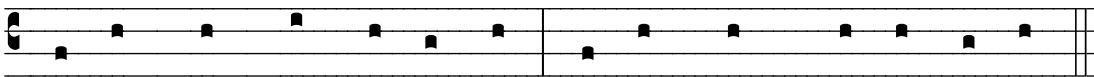
R. **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

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. Wherefore 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.

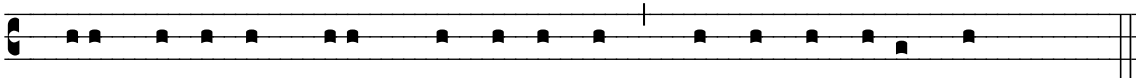
May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto us pardon and remission of all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



V. Turn us, O God our Saviour. R. **And let thine anger cease from us.**



V. O God, make speed to save us. R. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**



V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost.



R. As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

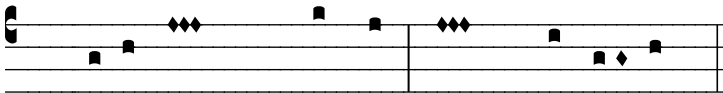
ANTIPHON



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

All sing one or more of the following psalms (as announced). The congregation joins the cantor for the even-numbered verses and 'As it was in the beginning...'

Psalm 4 – *Cum invocarem*



Hear me when I call, O God of my *righteousness* : 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?

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is *godly* : when I call upon the Lord, he *will* hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin *not* (-) : commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of *righteousness* : and put your trust *in* the Lord.

There be many that *say* (-): Who will shew *us* any good?

Lord, lift thou *up* (-): the light of thy countenance *upon* us.

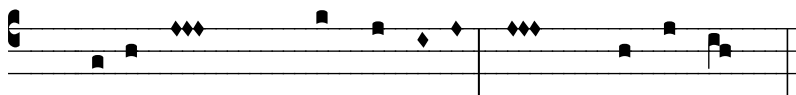
Thou hast put gladness in my *heart* (-): since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil *increased*.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my *rest* (-) : for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell *in* safety.

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.

Psalm 31 – *In te, Domine, speravi*



In thee, O Lord, have I **put** my trust : let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in **thy** righ-teous-ness.

Bow **down** thine ear to me : make haste to **de**-liver me.

And be thou my strong rock, and **house** of defence : that thou may**est** save me.

For thou art my strong rock, **and** my castle : be thou also my guide, and lead me for **thy** Name's sake.

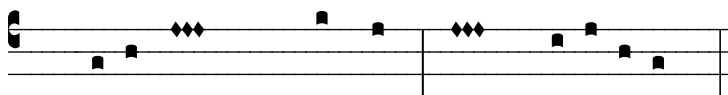
Draw me out of the net, that they have laid **privily** for me : for thou **art** my strength.

Into thy hands I **commend** my spirit : for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, **thou** God of truth.

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.

Ps 91 – *Qui habitat*



Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the most **High** (-) : and abideth under the shadow of **the** Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my **stronghold**: my God, in **him** will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the **hunter** : and from the **noisome** pestilence.

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 noonday.

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 **defence** ve-ry ^ 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 ways.

They shall bear thee in their *hands* (-): that thou hurt not thy *foot* against a ^ stone.

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 Name.

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.

Psalm 134 – *Ecce nunc*



Behold, now praise *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 sanctuary : (-) *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.

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The antiphon is repeated.



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

CHAPTER

Then shall be read one of the following short Lessons:

Thou, O LORD, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name. Leave us not, O LORD our God.

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.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

to which all answer

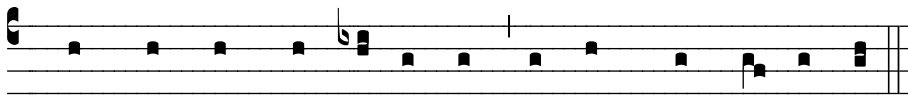
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RESPONSORY



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

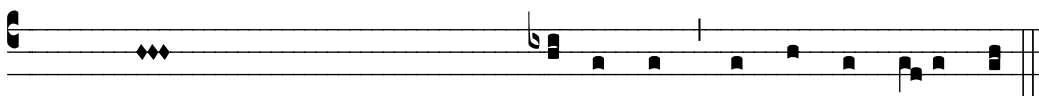
R Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.



V For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth;



R I commend my spirit.



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



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OFFICE HYMN

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Amen.

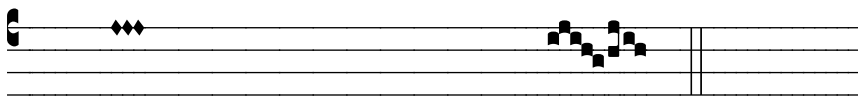


Amen.

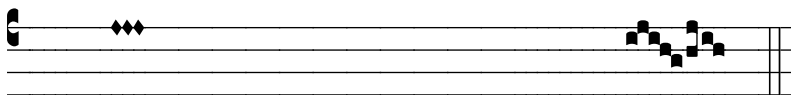
Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with thy wonted favour thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill 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.



V. Keep me as the apple of an eye;



R. Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

CANTICLE ANTIPHON

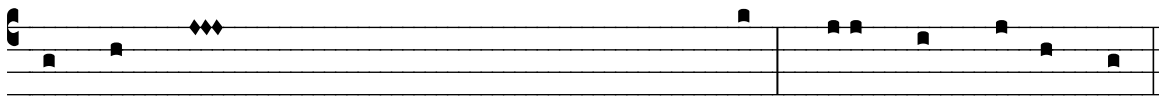


Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,

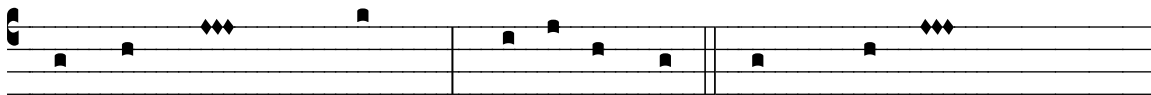


that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

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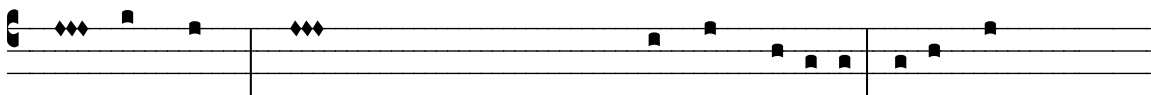
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.



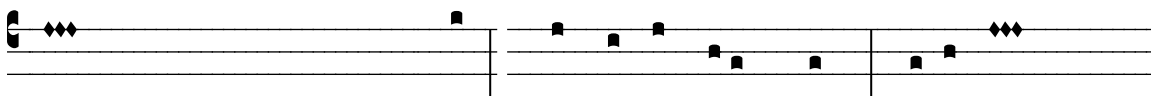
For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation, Which thou hast



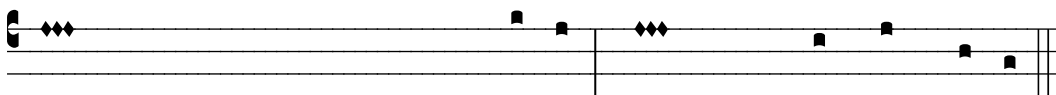
prepared : before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten



the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be

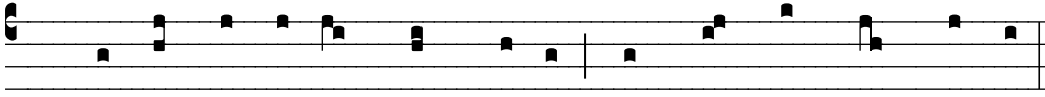


to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the



beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world with-out end. Amen.

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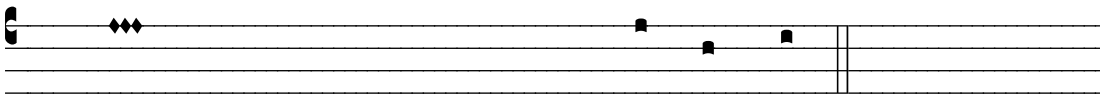


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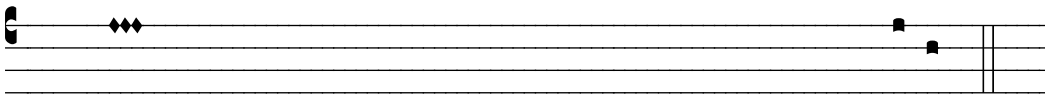
All kneel.

- V. Lord, have mercy upon us.
- R. **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
- V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

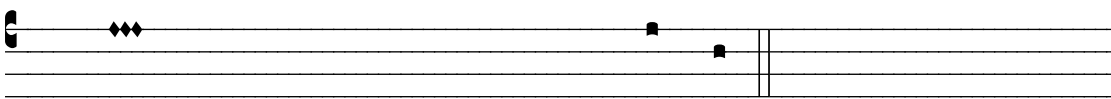
Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



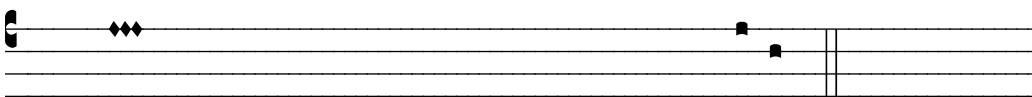
V. We will lay us down in peace and take our rest;



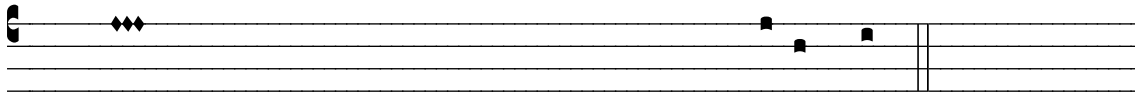
R. **For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.**



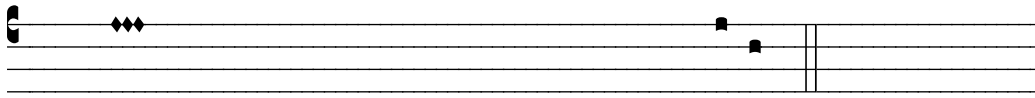
V. Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers;



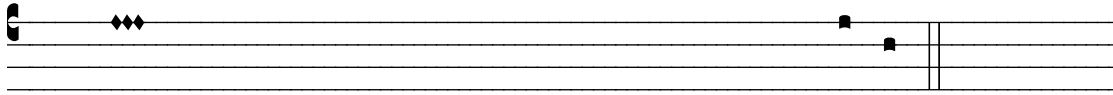
R. **To be praised and glorified above all for ever.**



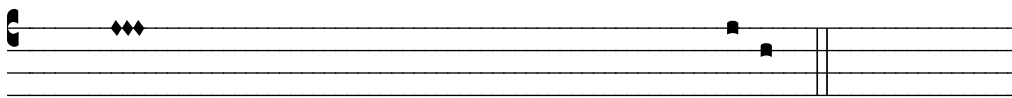
V. Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;



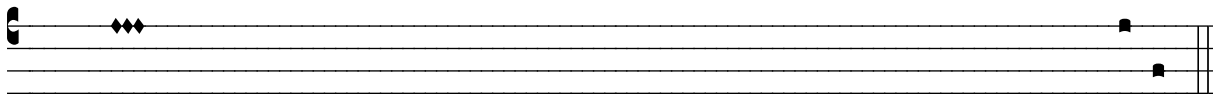
R. Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.



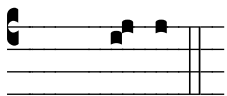
V. Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven.



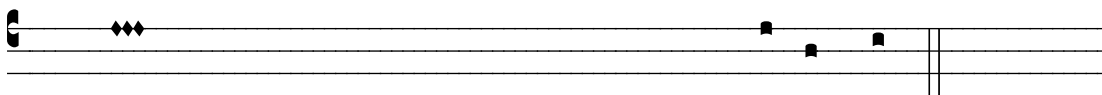
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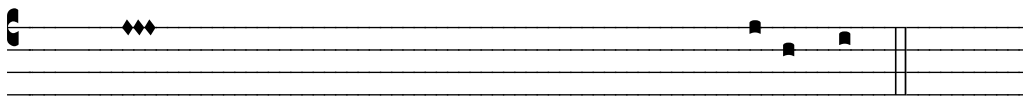
V. The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing.



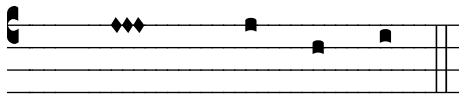
R. Amen.



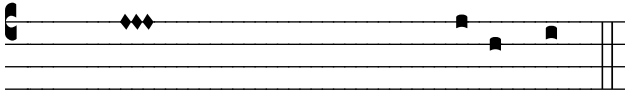
V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.



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



V. O Lord, hear our prayer.



R. **And let our cry come unto thee.**

Then shall follow several Collects, which may include the following:

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

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 this evening hour didst rest in the sepulchre, and didst thereby sanctify the grave to be 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, one God, 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 sons 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.**

O everlasting God, who art ever adored by the holy angels, yet dost choose men and women to be the stewards of thy mysteries; Bless, we beseech thee, the work of this College, and prosper the intentions of its founders; that they who cannot do any good without thee, may by thee be won to purity and love, and illuminated with a true knowledge of thy Word and Sacraments; and so, being made able ministers of the New Covenant, they may advance thy glory, and the salvation of thy elect servants; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

V. The Lord be with you;

R. **And with thy spirit.**

V. Let us bless the Lord;

R. **Thanks be to God.**

V. May the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. **And rise in glory. Amen.**