



Night Prayer
Compline
August 12 & 19, 2020



In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

Psalm 4:8

OPENING



Almighty God grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.

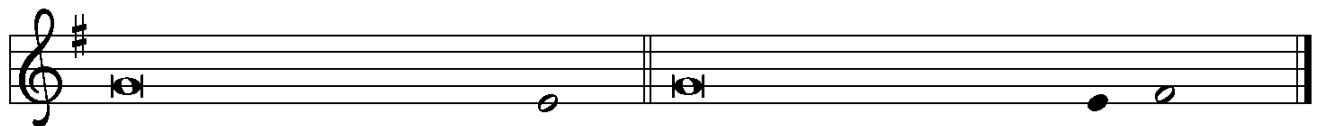


A - men.

DIALOGUE



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.**

HYMN 569 The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended

1 The day you gave us, Lord, has end - ed;
 2 We thank you that your church, un - sleep - ing
 3 As to each con - ti - nent and is - land
 4 The sun, here hav - ing set, is wak - ing
 5 So be it, Lord; your realm shall nev - er,

the dark - ness falls at your be - hest.
 while earth rolls on - ward in - to light,
 the dawn leads on an - oth - er day,
 your chil - dren un - der west - ern skies,
 like earth's proud em - pires, pass a - way;

To you our morn - ing hymns as - cend - ed;
 through all the world its watch is keep - ing,
 the voice of prayer is nev - er si - lent,
 and hour by hour, as day is break - ing,
 but stand and grow and rule for - ev - er,

your praise shall hal - low now our rest.
 and nev - er rests by day or night.
 nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
 fresh hymns of thank - ful praise a - rise.
 till all your crea - tures own your sway.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826–1893, alt.

Music: ST. CLEMENT, Clement C. Scholefield, 1839–1904

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

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PSALM 131




Like a child rests in its moth-er's arms, so will I rest in



you. Like a so will I rest in you.

Verses to Refrain



1. My God, I am not proud. I do not look for things too great.
2. My God, I trust in you. You care for me, you give me peace.
3. O Is - rael, trust in God, — now and al - ways trust in God.

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PSALM PRAYER

Lord Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, you promised your kingdom to those who are like children. Never let pride reign in our hearts, but, holding us with a mother's embrace, teach us to live in quietness and humility now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN 767 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

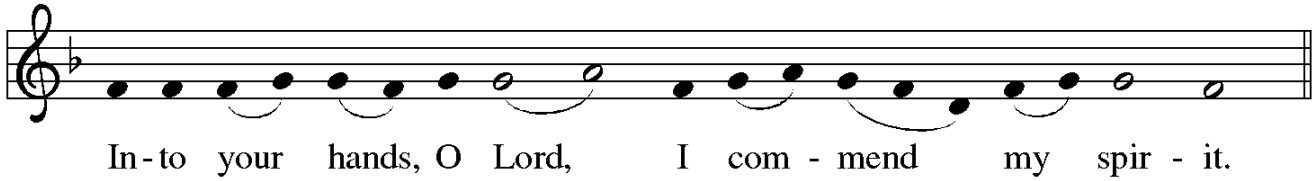
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WORD

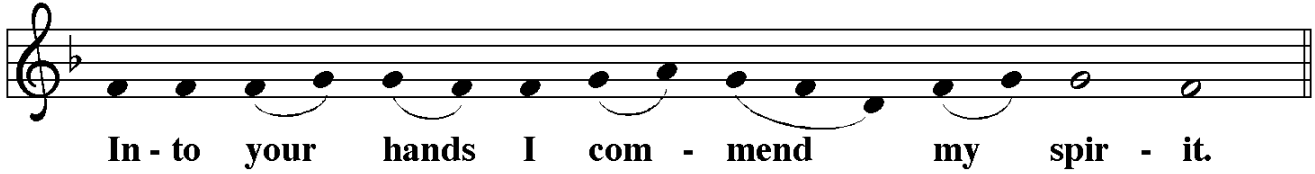
One or two scripture lessons are read.

A period of silent reflection follows the readings

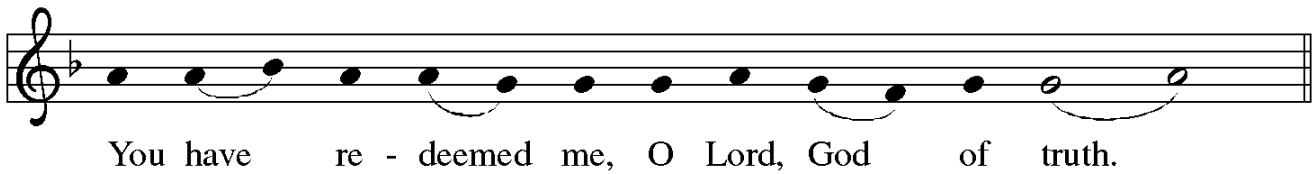
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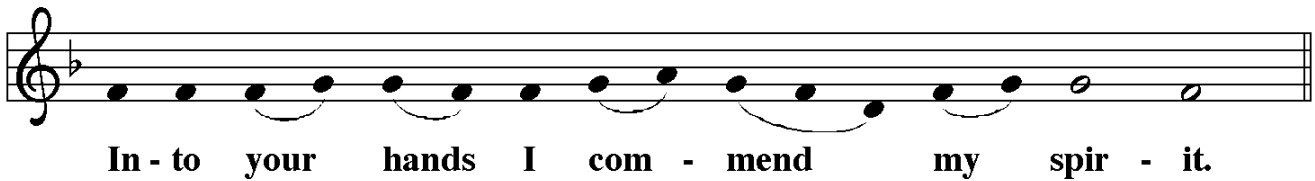
In-to your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.



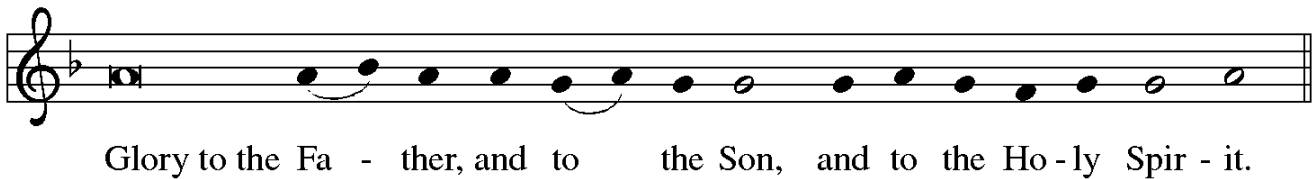
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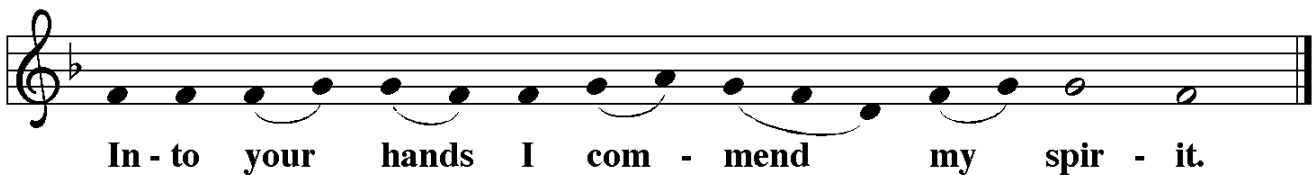
You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth.



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.

GOSPEL CANTICLE: NUNC DIMITTIS

Leader



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.

All



Now, Lord, you let your servant 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.



Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing;

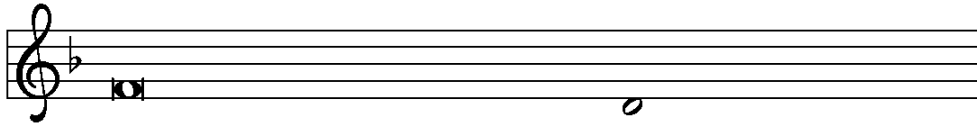


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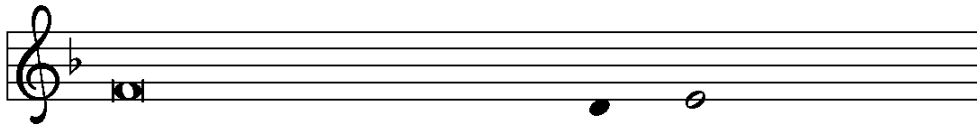
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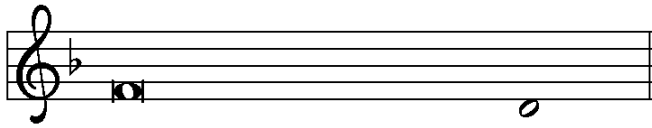
Hear my prayer, O Lord; **listen to my cry.**



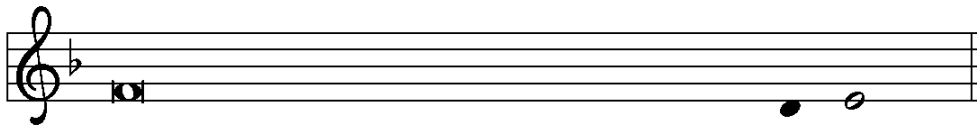
Keep me as the apple of your eye;



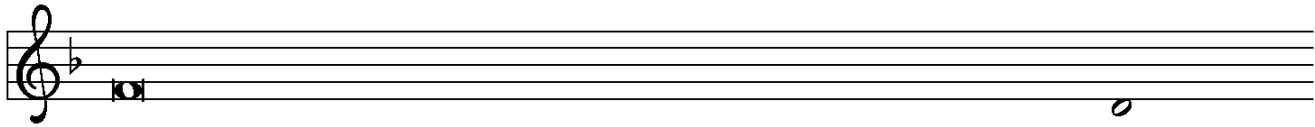
hide me in the shadow of your wings.



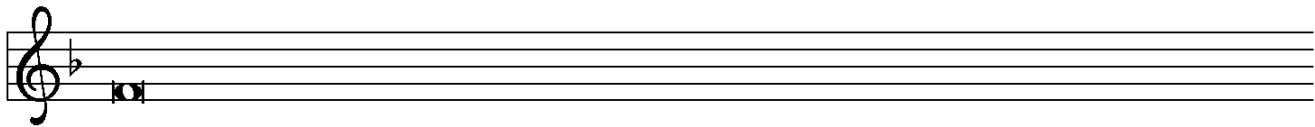
In righteousness I shall see you;



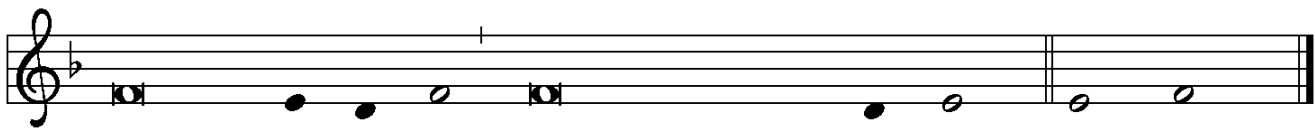
when I awake, your presence will give me joy.



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.**

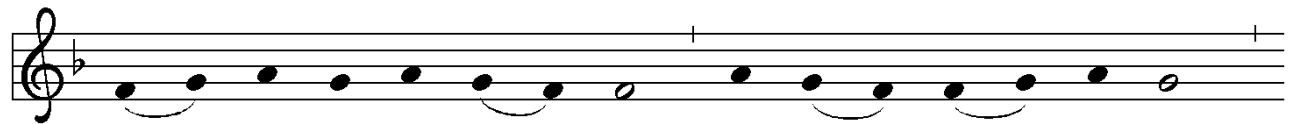
O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Be our light in the darkness, O God, 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.**

LORD'S PRAYER



Lord, remember us in your king - dom, and teach us to pray.



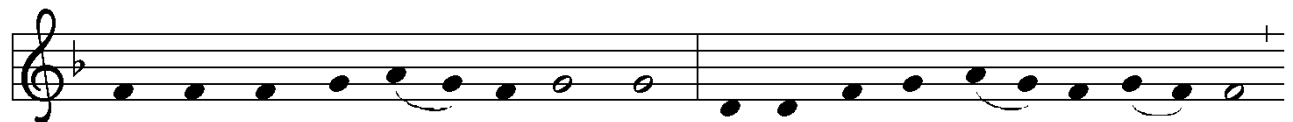
Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



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-against us. Save us from the time of tri - al



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,



and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

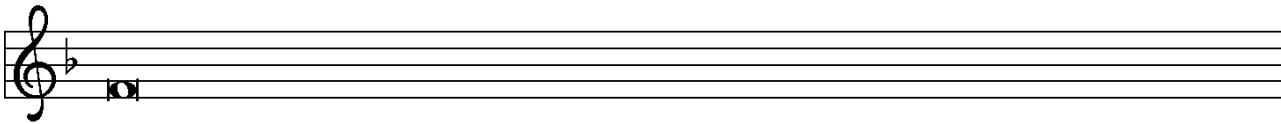
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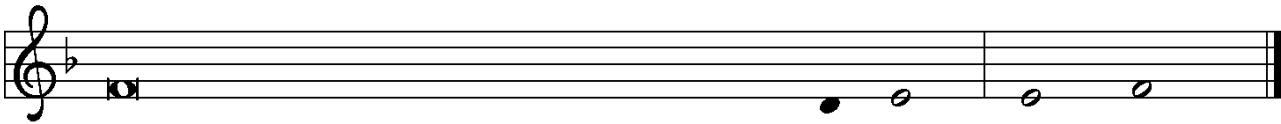
Now in peace I will lie down and sleep; **you alone, O God, make me se - cure.**



Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,



bles, preserve, and keep us, this night and forev-er - more. **A - men.**

The peace may be shared by all.

All depart in silence.