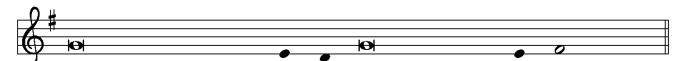




In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

Psalm 4:8

# **OPENING**



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



# **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** 564 God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven



#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

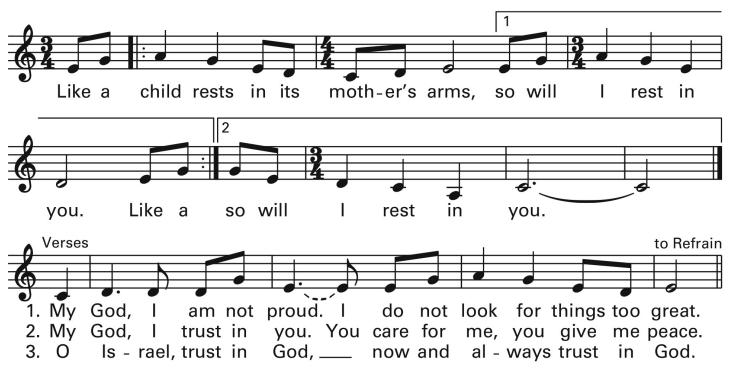
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Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

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## **PSALM 131**

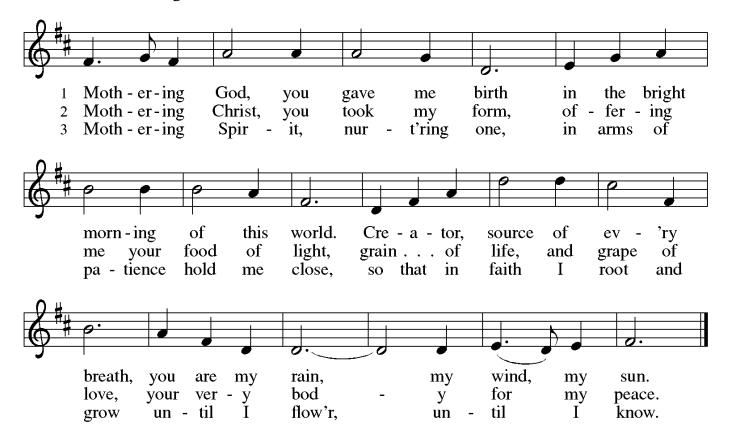


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#### **PSALM PRAYER**

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** 735 Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



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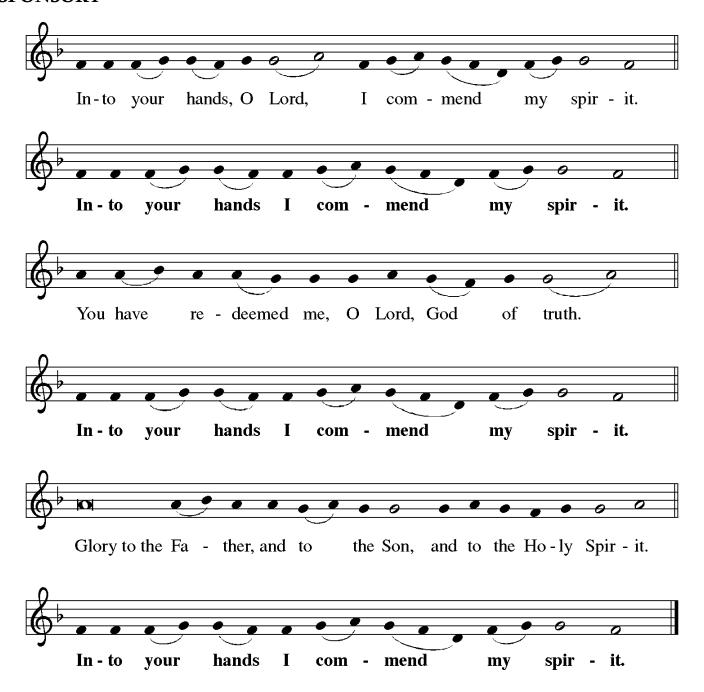
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#### WORD

One or two scripture lessons are read.

A period of silent reflection follows the readings

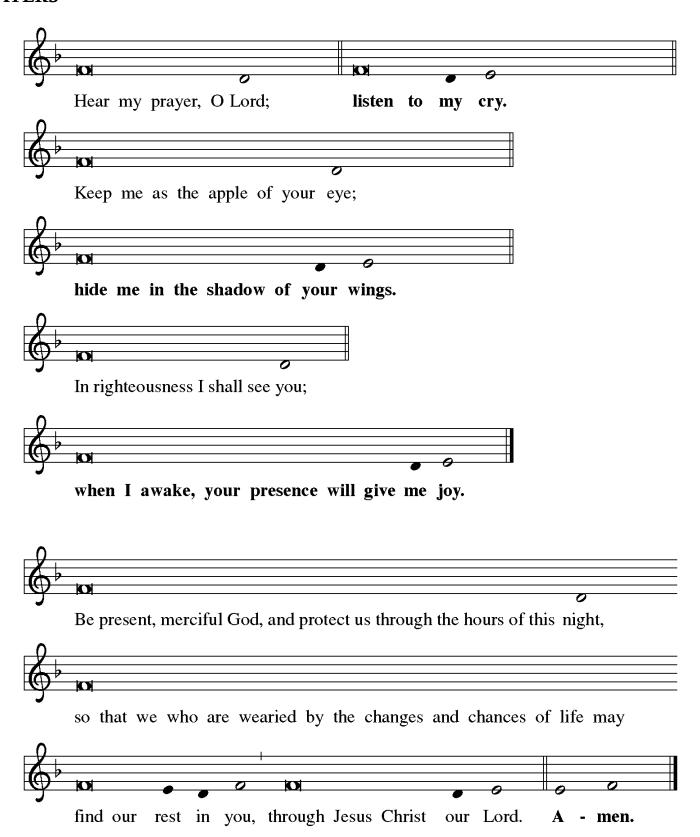
# **RESPONSORY**



## **GOSPEL CANTICLE: NUNC DIMITTIS**



# **PRAYERS**



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

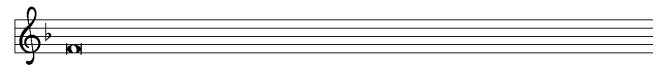


#### **BLESSING**



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





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



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

The peace may be shared by all.

All depart in silence.