



✠ COMPLINE ✠

*Kneel or Stand*

**Opening Versicles**



**L** The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



**C** A - men.



**L** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



**C** to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;



**L** to herald Your love in the morn - ing,



**C** Your truth at the close of the day.

**Exhortation**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for self-examination.*

**L** Holy and gracious God,

**C** **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

**L** By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

# ✠ Psalmody ✠

Psalm

Psalm 27; antiphon: v. 1

*The pastor and congregation chant responsively. The antiphon is chanted by the pastor before and after the psalm.*



(Antiphon) The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation; \*  
whom | shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; \*  
of whom shall I | be afraid?

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear? \*  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?
  - 2 When evildoers assail me to eat | up my flesh, \*  
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stum- | ble and fall.
  - 3 **Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear; \*  
though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.**
  - 4 **One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after: \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His | temple.**
  - 5 For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of | trouble; \*  
He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high up- | on a rock.
  - 6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with | shouts of joy; \*  
I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.
  - 7 **Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud; \*  
be gracious to me and | answer me!**
  - 8 **You have said, | “Seek My face.” \*  
My heart says to You, “Your face, LORD, | do I seek.”**
  - 9 Hide not Your face from me. Turn not Your servant away in | anger; \*  
O You who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my sal- | vation!
  - 10 For my father and my mother have for- | saken me, \*  
but the LORD will | take me in.
  - 11 **Teach me Your way, | O LORD, \*  
and lead me on a level path because of my | enemies.**
  - 12 **Give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries; \*  
for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out | violence.**
  - 13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness | of the LORD \*  
in the land of the | living!
  - 14 Wait | for the LORD; \*  
be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!
- 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.**

*The antiphon is repeated.*

*Sit*

Office Hymn: The Lord Is My Light

*Refrain*

The Lord is my light and my sal-va - tion, The Lord is the

strong-hold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my

strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear?

*To Stanzas*

*Stanza*

1 There is one thing I ask of the Lord: To dwell in His

house for - ev - er, To gaze on the beau-ty of the

Lord All the days of my life.

*Refrain*

2 Do not hide Your face, O Lord; Ev - 'ry day I will

seek Your face. Though my fa - ther and moth-er may for -

sake me, The Lord will re - ceive me.

*Refrain*

3 Teach me, Lord, and keep me on Your paths; Guide me, Lord, a -

long a lev - el way. I will gaze on the good - ness of the

Lord In the land of all the liv - ing.

*Refrain*

# ✠ Readings ✠

## First Reading

Isaiah 12:1–6

<sup>1</sup>You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to You, O LORD, for though You were angry with me, Your anger turned away, that You might comfort me. <sup>2</sup>“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.”

<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted. <sup>5</sup>“Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

*Silence for reflection.*

## Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10–20

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup>praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup>and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

*Silence for reflection.*

## Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38–42

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to His teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.”

<sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, “**Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.**”

*Silence for reflection.*

## Responsory

Psalm 31:5



**L** In-to Your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.



**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



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



**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

**L** Glory be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

**Meditation on the Psalm**

**Responsory Hym: I Love Your Kingdom, Lord**

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1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,  
 2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,  
 3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,  
 4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as - cend;  
 5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n

The Church our blest Re-deem-er saved With His own pre-cious blood.  
 Its sweet com-mu-nion, sol-emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.  
 Dear as the ap-ple of Your eye And grav-en on Your hand.  
 For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.  
 The bright-est glo-ries earth can yield And bright-er bliss of heav'n.

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✠ Prayer ✠

*Kneel or Stand*

**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**C** listen to my cry.

**L** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;

**C** hide me in the shadow of Your wings.

**L** In righteousness I shall see You;

**C** when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.

*One or more of the following are prayed.*

- L** 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.
- L** 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, Lord, in Your mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- L** Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- L** Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- L** Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are Yours, and to You the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- L** Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### Lord's Prayer

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**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,  
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as  
it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly  
bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give  
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -  
to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -  
ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Stand

Luke 2: 29-32

### Nunc Dimittis

*Antiphon*

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

**C** Lord, now You let Your ser - vant 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. Glo - ry be to the  
Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for -  
*Antiphon*  
ev - er. A - men. Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,  
and guard us sleep - ing that a - wake we may  
watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

### Benediction

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Fa - ther, the † Son,  
and the Holy Spir - it, bless you and keep you.

**C** A - men.

† SOLI DEO GLORIA †  
(TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY)