



✠ 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 25; antiphon: vv. 1, 22

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



(Antiphon) To You, | O LORD,*
I lift | up my soul.
Redeem Israel, | O God,*
out of all his | troubles.

- ¹ To you, | O LORD,*
I lift | up my soul.
- ² O my God, in You I trust;
let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.
- ³ **Indeed, none who wait for You shall be | put to shame;***
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.
- ⁴ **Make me to know Your ways, | O LORD;***
teach me | Your paths.
- ⁵ Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
for You are the God of my sal- | vation;*
for You I wait all the | day long.
- ⁶ Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.
- ⁷ **Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;***
according to Your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of Your goodness, | O LORD!
- ⁸ **Good and upright | is the LORD;***
therefore He instructs sinners | in the way.
- ⁹ He leads the humble in | what is right,*
and teaches the humble | His way.
- ¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and | faithfulness,*
for those who keep His covenant and His testi- | monies.
- ¹¹ **For Your name's sake, | O LORD,***
pardon my guilt, for | it is great.
- ¹² **Who is the man who | fears the LORD?***
Him will He instruct in the way that | he should choose.
- ¹³ His soul shall abide in well- | being,*
and his offspring shall inher- | it the land.
- ¹⁴ The friendship of the LORD is for those who | fear Him,*
and He makes known to them His | covenant.
- ¹⁵ **My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,***
for He will pluck my feet out | of the net.
- ¹⁶ **Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,***
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.
- ¹⁷ The troubles of my heart | are enlarged,*
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.
- ¹⁸ Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.
- ¹⁹ **Consider how many | are my foes,***
and with what violent hatred they | hate me.
- ²⁰ **Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!***
Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in You.

²¹ May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me,*
for I | wait for You.

²² Redeem Israel, | O God,*
out of all his | troubles.

**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: When in the Hour of Deepest Need

LSB 615, sts. 1–3



1 When in the hour of deep - est need We know not
2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may
3 For You have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's



where to look for aid; When days and nights of
meet be - fore Your throne; To You, O faith - ful
cries in time of need Through Him whose name a -



anx - ious thought No help or coun - sel yet have brought,
God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.
lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.

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✠ Readings ✠

First Reading

Lamentations 3:40–41, 55–59

⁴⁰Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the LORD! ⁴¹Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven: . . . ⁵⁵“I called on Your name, O LORD, from the depths of the pit; ⁵⁶You heard my plea, ‘Do not close Your ear to my cry for help!’ ⁵⁷You came near when I called on You; You said, ‘Do not fear!’ ⁵⁸“You have taken up my cause, O Lord; You have redeemed my life. ⁵⁹You have seen the wrong done to me, O Lord; judge my cause.

Silence for reflection.

Second Reading

Romans 5:1–11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Silence for reflection.

Holy Gospel

John 1:1-3, 14-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. . . .

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about Him, and cried out, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because He was before me.'")

¹⁶And from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known.

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: When in the Hour of Deepest Need

LSB 615, sts. 4-6



4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our
5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face; Ab - solve us
6 So we with all our hearts each day To You our



woes be - fore You lay; For sore - ly tried, cast
through Your bound - less grace. Be with us in our
glad thanks - giv - ing pay, Then walk o - be - dient



down, we stand, Per - plexed by fears on ev - 'ry hand.
an - guish still; Free us at last from ev - 'ry ill.
to Your Word, And now and ev - er praise You, Lord.

✠ Prayer ✠

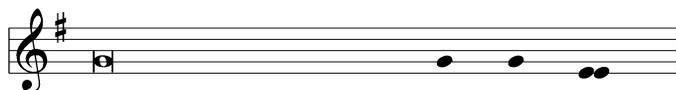
Kneel or Stand



L Hear my prayer, O Lord;



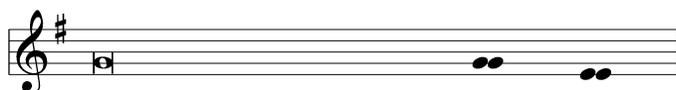
C listen to my cry.



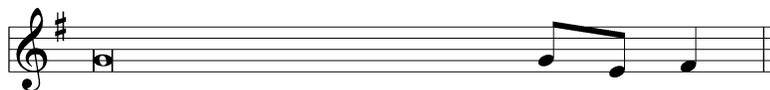
L Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



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

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2: 29-32

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 -
 ev - er. A - men. *Crescendo* 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)