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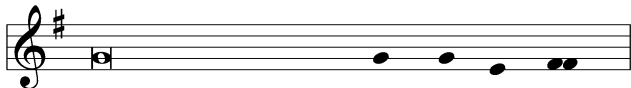
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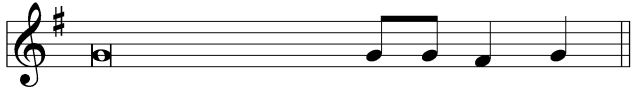
L The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



C A - men.



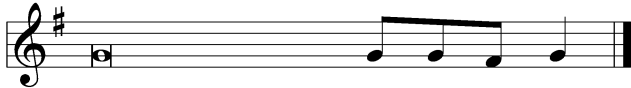
L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



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 7; antiphon: v. 17

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



(Antiphon) ¹⁷I will give to the LORD the thanks due to His | righteousness,*
and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the | Most High.

¹O LORD my God, in You do I take | refuge,*
save me from all my pursuers and de- | liver me.

²**lest like a lion they tear my | soul apart,***
rending it in pieces, with none to de- | liver.

³O LORD my God, if I have | done this,*
if there is wrong | in my hands,

⁴**if I have repaid my friend with | evil***
or plundered my enemy with- | out cause,

⁵let the enemy pursue my soul and over- | take it,*
and let him trample my life to the ground and lay my glory | in the dust.

⁶**Arise, O LORD, in Your anger; lift Yourself up against the fury of my | enemies;*
awake for me; You have appointed a | judgment.**

⁷Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered a- | bout You;*
over it re- | turn on high.

⁸**The LORD judges the | people;***
judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness and according to the integrity that is | in me.

⁹Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and may You establish the | righteous—*
You who test the minds and hearts, O | righteous God!

¹⁰**My shield | is with God,***
who saves the up- | right in heart.

¹¹God is a | righteous judge,*
and a God who feels indignation | every day.

¹²**If a man does not repent, God will | whet His sword;***
He has bent and read- | ied His bow;

¹³He has prepared for him His deadly | weapons,*
making His arrows | fiery shafts.

¹⁴**Behold, the wicked man conceives | evil***
and is pregnant with mischief and gives | birth to lies.

¹⁵He makes a pit, digging | it out,*
and falls into the hole that | he has made.

¹⁶**His mischief returns upon | his own head,***
and on his own skull his violence | descends.

¹⁷I will give to the LORD the thanks due to His | righteousness,*
and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the | Most High.

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



1 In God, my faith - ful God, I trust when dark my road;
 2 My sins fill me with care, Yet I will not de - spair.
 3 If death my por - tion be, It brings great gain to me;



Great woes may o - ver - take me, Yet He will not for - sake me.
 I build on Christ, who loves me; From this rock noth - ing moves me.
 It speeds my life's en - deav - or To live with Christ for - ev - er.



My trou - bles He can al - ter; His hand lets noth - ing fal - ter.
 To Him I will sur - ren - der, To Him, my soul's de - fend - er.
 He gives me joy in sor - row, Come death now or to - mor - row.

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✠ Readings ✠

First Reading

2 Samuel 16:5–14

⁵When King David came to Bahurim, there came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera, and as he came he cursed continually. ⁶And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David, and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. ⁷And Shimei said as he cursed, “Get out, get out, you man of blood, you worthless man! ⁸The LORD has avenged on you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned, and the LORD has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. See, your evil is on you, for you are a man of blood.”

⁹Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, “Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and take off his head.” ¹⁰But the king said, “What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? If he is cursing because the Lord has said to him, ‘Curse David,’ who then shall say, ‘Why have you done so?’”

¹¹And David said to Abishai and to all his servants, “Behold, my own son seeks my life; how much more now may this Benjaminite! Leave him alone, and let him curse, for the LORD has told him to. ¹²It may be that the LORD will look on the wrong done to me, and that the LORD will repay me with good for his cursing today.” ¹³So David and his men went on the road, while Shimei went along on the hillside opposite him and cursed as he went and threw stones at him and flung dust. ¹⁴And the king, and all the people who were with him, arrived weary at the Jordan. And there he refreshed himself.

Silence for reflection.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:11–16

¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

¹⁴Since then we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Silence for reflection.

Holy Gospel

Luke 22:41-44

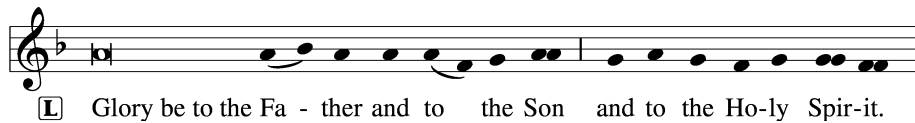
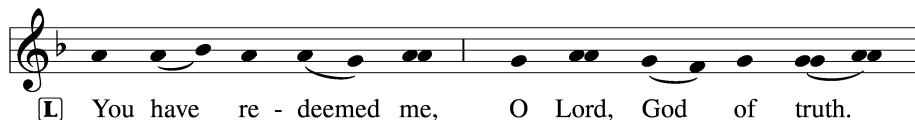
⁴¹And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴²saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me. Nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done."

⁴³And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Silence for reflection.

Responsory

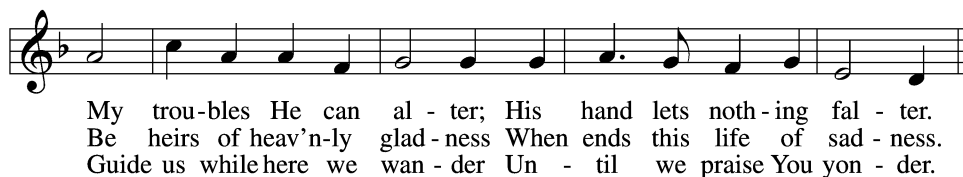
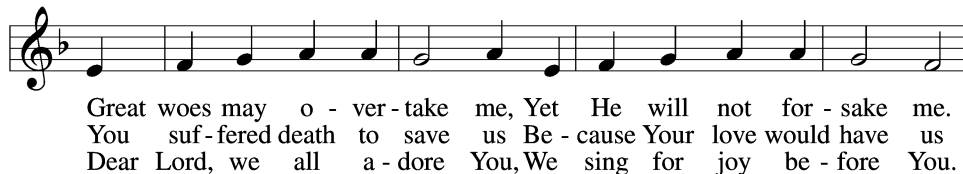
Psalm 31:5



Meditation on the Psalm

Hymn: In God, My Faithful God

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✠ Prayer ✠

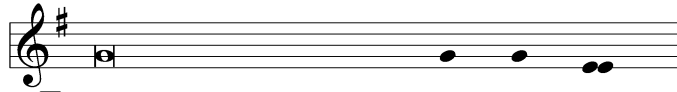
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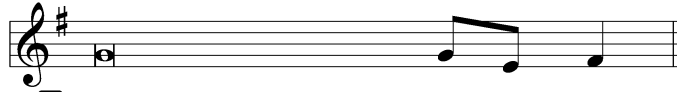
L Hear my prayer, O Lord;



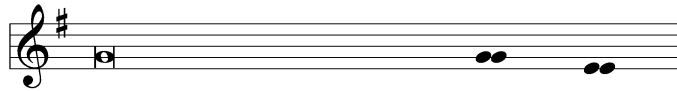
C listen to my cry.



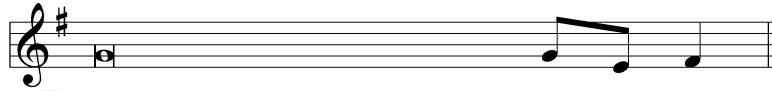
L Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



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:

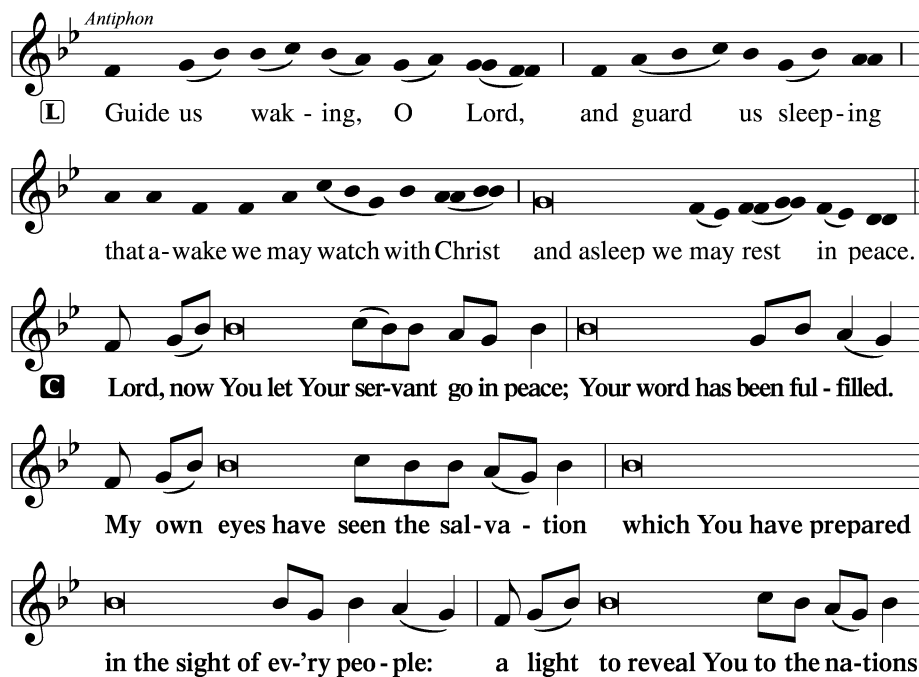


Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as
it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly
bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -
to temp - ta - tion, 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.

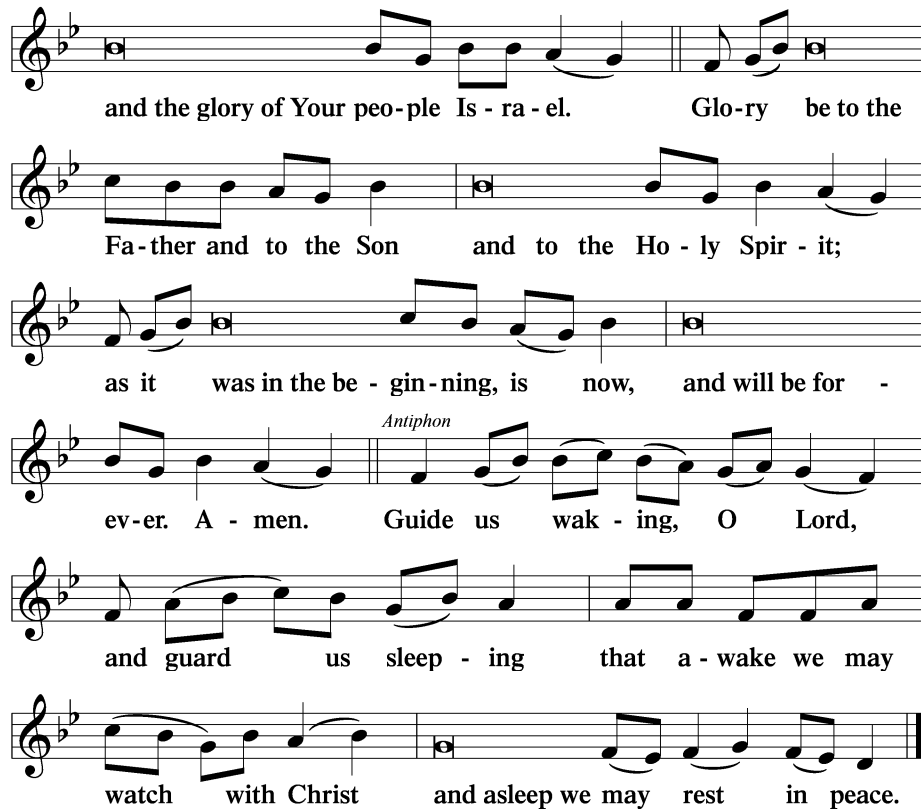
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Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2: 29-32

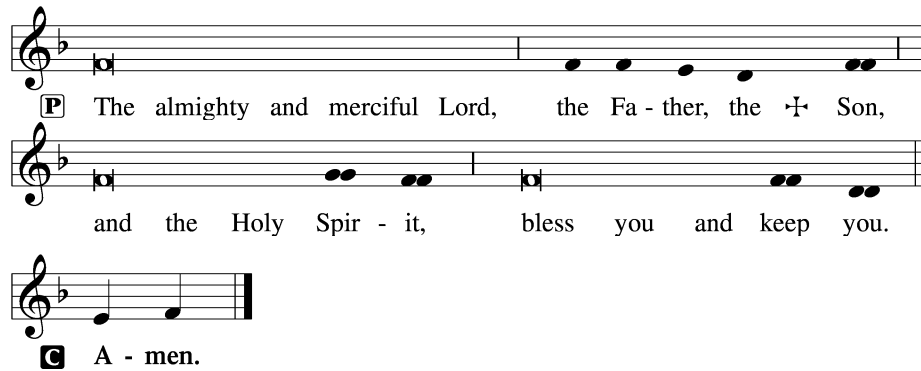


Antiphon
L Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing
that a - wake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.
C Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful - filled.
My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have prepared
in the sight of ev - '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. *Antiphon* 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)

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