

Office of Compline – Lenten Midweek

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

The congregation assembles in silence.

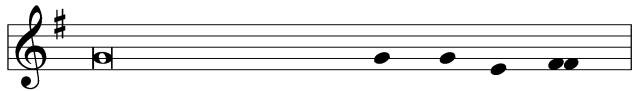
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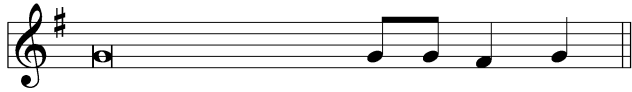
L The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



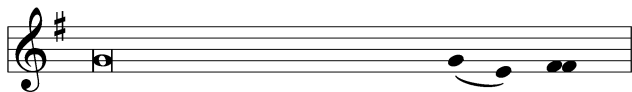
C A - men.



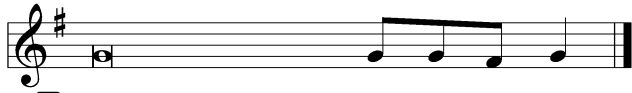
L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



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.

Confession

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

Silence for self-examination.

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

C **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

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L The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Psalm

Psalm 143; antiphon vv. 5-6

¹Hear my prayer, O LORD;
give ear to my pleas for | mercy! *
In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!
²Enter not into judgment with your | servant, *
for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

³For the enemy has pursued my soul;
 he has crushed my life | to the ground; *
 he has made me sit in darkness like | those long dead.

⁴Therefore my spirit faints with- | in me; *
 my heart within me | is appalled.

⁵I remember the days of old;
 I meditate on all that | you have done; *
 I ponder the work | of your hands.

⁶I stretch out my | hands to you; *
 my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.

⁷Answer me quickly, O LORD!
 My | spirit fails! *
 Hide not your face from me,
 lest I be like those who go down | to the pit.

⁸Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,
 for in | you I trust. *
 Make me know the way I should go,
 for to you I lift | up my soul.

⁹Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD! *
 I have fled to you for | refuge!

¹⁰Teach me to do your will,
 for you | are my God! *
 Let your good Spirit lead me
 on | level ground!

¹¹For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life! *
 In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

¹²And in your steadfast love you will cut off my | enemies, *
 and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul,
 for I am your | servant.

Sit

880 Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow

sts. 1-3

1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow The wood - land,
 2 The ra - diant sun has van - ished, Its gold - en
 3 Now all the heav'n - ly splen - dor Breaks forth in

field, and mead - ow; The world in slum - ber lies.
 rays are ban - ished From dark - 'ning skies of night;
 star - light ten - der From myr - iad worlds un - known;

But you, my heart, a - wak - ing And prayer and mu - sic
 But Christ, the Sun of glad - ness, Dis - pel - ling all our
 And we, this mar - vel see - ing, For - get our self - ish

mak - ing, Let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.
 sad - ness, Shines down on us in warm - est light.
 be - ing For joy of beau - ty not our own.

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Readings from Holy Scripture

One or more of the following are read.

¹Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?
⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,
⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

¹³And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ² who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.

Silence for reflection.

Responsory

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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.

Lenten Catechesis

The Apostles' Creed

759 This Body in the Grave We Lay

1 This bod - y in the grave we lay There to a -
 2 And so to earth we now en - trust What came from
 3 The soul for - ev - er lives with God, Who free - ly
 4 All tri - als and all griefs are past, A bless - ed

wait that sol - emn day When God Him - self shall
 dust and turns to dust And from the dust shall
 hath His grace be - stowed And through His Son re -
 end has come at last. Christ's yoke was borne with

bid it rise To mount tri - um - phant to the skies.
 rise that day In glo - rious tri - umph o'er de - cay.
 deemed it here From ev - 'ry sin, from ev - 'ry fear.
 read - y will; Who di - eth thus is liv - ing still.

5 We have no cause to mourn or weep;
 Securely shall this body sleep
 Till Christ Himself shall death destroy
 And raise the blessèd dead to joy.

6 Then let us leave this place of rest
 And homeward turn, for they are blest
 Who heed God's warning and prepare
 Lest death should find them unaware.

7 So help us, Jesus, ground of faith;
 Thou hast redeemed us by Thy death
 From endless death and set us free.
 We laud and praise and worship Thee.

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Meditation on the Priestly Ministry of Our Lord Jesus Christ through Life and Death

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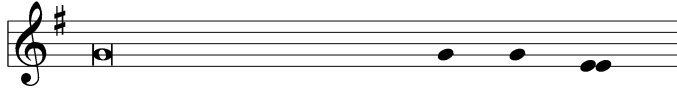
Prayer



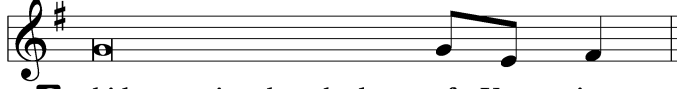
L Hear my prayer, O Lord;



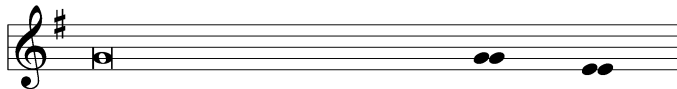
C listen to my cry.



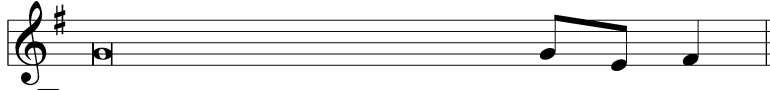
L Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



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.

The Collects are prayed.



C A - men.

Lord's Prayer

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

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 258



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.

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

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The almighty and merciful Lord, the Fa - ther, the Son,

and the Holy Spir - it, bless us and keep us.

A - men.

708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

st. 3

3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om
bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And
in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in
peace - ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from
death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -
tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

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