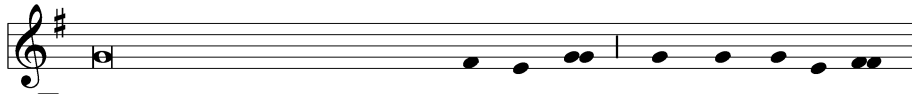


The Office of Compline

March 11, 2026

The congregation assembles in silence.

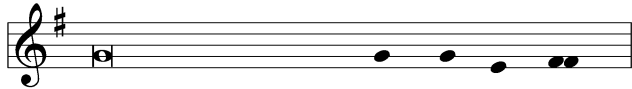
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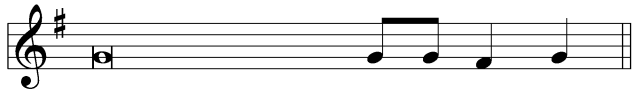
L The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



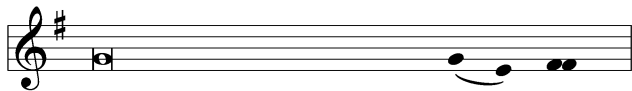
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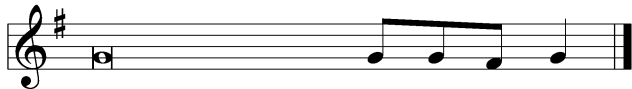
L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



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 6

¹O LORD, rebuke me not in your | anger,*
nor discipline me | in your wrath.

²Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | languishing;*
heal me, O LORD, for my bones are | troubled.

³My soul also is greatly | troubled.*
But you, O LORD— | how long?

⁴Turn, O LORD, deliv- | er my life;*
 save me for the sake of your | steadfast love.
⁵For in death there is no remem- | brance of you;*
 in Sheol who will | give you praise?
⁶I am weary with my moaning;
 every night I flood my | bed with tears;*
 I drench my couch with my | weeping.
⁷My eye wastes away be- | cause of grief;*
 it grows weak because of | all my foes.
⁸Depart from me, all you workers of | evil,*
 for the LORD has heard the sound of my | weeping.
⁹The LORD has | heard my plea;*
 the LORD ac- | cepts my prayer.
¹⁰All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly | troubled;*
 they shall turn back and be put to shame in a | moment.

Sit

880 Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow

sts. 1, 4–5

1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow The wood - land,
 4 Lord Je - sus, since You love me, Now spread Your
 5 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, For God this

field, and mead - ow; The world in slum - ber lies.
 wings a - bove me And shield me from a - larm.
 night will sure - ly From per - il guard your heads.

But you, my heart, a - wak - ing And prayer and mu - sic
 Though Sa - tan would de - vour me, Let an - gel guards sing
 Sweet slum - bers may He send you And bid His hosts at -

mak - ing, Let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.
 o'er me: This child of God shall meet no harm.
 tend you And through the night watch o'er your beds.

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Readings from Holy Scripture

Hebrews 3:1 - 4:1

One or more of the following are read.

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

⁷Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,

“Today, if you hear his voice,

⁸do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
 on the day of testing in the wilderness,

⁹where your fathers put me to the test
and saw my works ¹⁰for forty years.
Therefore I was provoked with that generation,
and said, 'They always go astray in their heart;
they have not known my ways.'
¹¹As I swore in my wrath,
'They shall not enter my rest.'"

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said,
"Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

¹⁶For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

4 Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.

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 Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven.
Our Father in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

The First Petition

Hallowed be Thy name.
Hallowed be Your name.

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy?

God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

The Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.
Your kingdom come.

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

The Third Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

What does this mean?

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

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 blessed 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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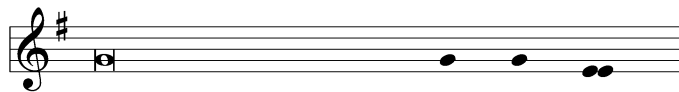
Prayer



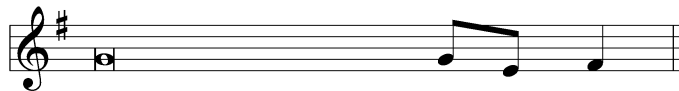
L Hear my prayer, O Lord;



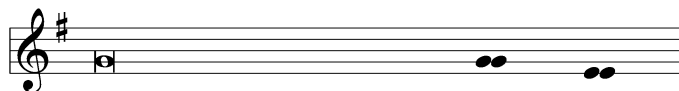
C listen to my cry.



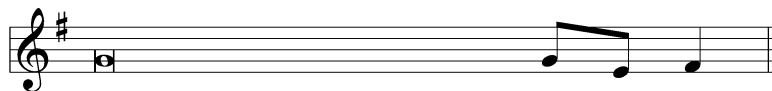
L Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



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.

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.



♩ A - men.

Lord's Prayer

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

♩ **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. *Antiphon* 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

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L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Fa - ther, the † Son,
and the Holy Spir - it, bless us and keep us.
C 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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