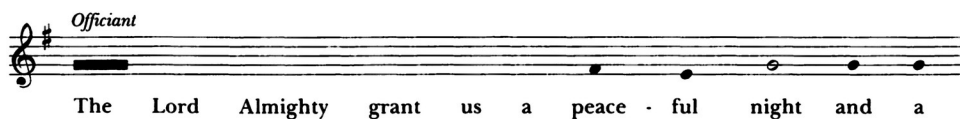


# *Compline*

*from the Book of Common Prayer  
(pp. 127ff)*

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to pray with you.*





*Officiant*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father:**

**We have sinned against you,**

**through our own fault,**

**in thought, and word, and deed,**

**and in what we have left undone.**

**For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**forgive us all our offenses;**

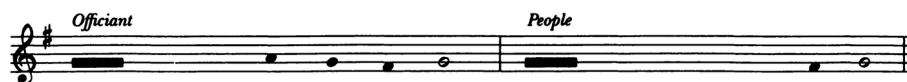
**and grant that we may serve you**

**in newness of life,**

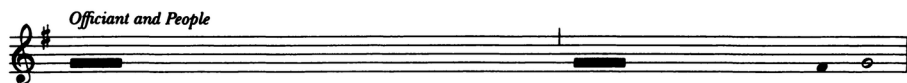
**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant*

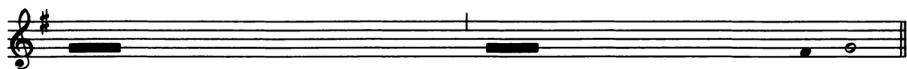
May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,  
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:



as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

*Except in Lent, add:*



Al - le - lu - ia.



## Week 1: Psalm 4

*Cum invocarem*

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on / me and hear my prayer.

2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory? \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run / after false gods?”

3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the LORD, / he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in si- / lence upon your bed.



5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your / trust in thé LORD.

6 Many are saying,

“Oh, that we might see bétter times!” \*

Lift up the light of your countenance up- / on us, Ó LORD.

7 You have put gladness in my héart, \*  
more than when grain and / wine and óil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fáll asleep; \*

for only you, LORD, make me / dwell in sáfety.



## Week 2: Psalm 31

*In te, Domine, speravi*

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be pút to shame: \*  
deliver me / in your ríghteousness.

2 Incline your eár to me; \*  
make haste / to delíver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my strónghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead / me and guíde me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly sét for me, \*  
for you / are my tówer of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spírit, \*  
for you have redeemed me, O / LORD, O Gód of truth.



### Week 3: Psalm 91

*Qui habitat*

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Móst High \*  
abides under the shadow of / the Almíghty.

2 He shall say to the LORD,  
“You are my refuge and my stróngthold, \*  
my God in / whom I pút my trust.”

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the húnter \*  
and from the / deadly péstilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions,  
and you shall find refuge under his wíngs; \*  
his faithfulness shall be a / shield and búckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by níght, \*  
nor of the ar- / row that flíes by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the dárkness, \*  
nor of the sickness that lays / waste at míd-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side  
and ten thousand at your ríght hand, \*  
but it shall / not come néar you.

8 Your eyes have only to behóld \*  
to see the reward / of the wícked.

9 Because you have made the LORD your réfuge, \*  
and the Most High your / habitátion,

10 There shall no evil happen to yóu, \*  
neither shall any plague come / near your dwélling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge óver you, \*  
to keep / you in áll your ways.

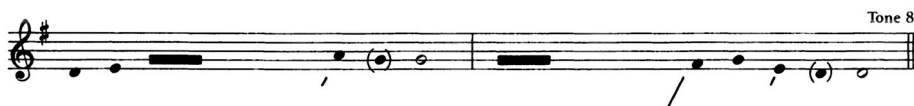
12 **They shall bear you in their hánds, \***  
**lest you dash your / foot against a stone.**

13 You shall tread upon the lion and ádder; \*  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent /  
under yóur feet.

14 **Because he is bound to me in love,**  
**therefore will I delíver him; \***  
**I will protect him, be- / cause he knóws my Name.**

15 He shall call upon me, and I will ánswer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring / him to hónor.

16 **With long life will I satisfý him, \***  
**and show him / my salvátion.**



**Week 4: Psalm 134**

*Ecce nunc*

1 *Behold now*, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LÓRD, \*  
you that stand by night in the / house of thé LORD.

2 **Lift up your hands in the holy place and bléss the LORD; \***  
**the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you / out of Zíon.**

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*At the end of the Psalms, or after each Psalm, is sung*



**Glory to the Father, and to the Són \***  
**and to the / Holy Spírit:**

**As it was in the beginning, is nów \***  
**and will be for / ever. Ámen.**

One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read

**Week 1:**

Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14:9, 22*

**Week 2:**

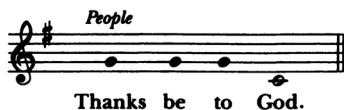
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *Matthew 11:28-30*

**Week 3:**

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

**Week 4:**

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. *I Peter 5:8-9a*




A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.


Week 1:

Evening

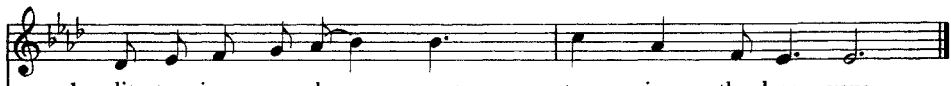
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1 Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the  
2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting: mir - ror of  
3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly  
4 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may  
5 Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for ev - er




1 day - time ra - dant with the sun - light and to the night give  
2 day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens  
3 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion  
4 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,  
5 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness

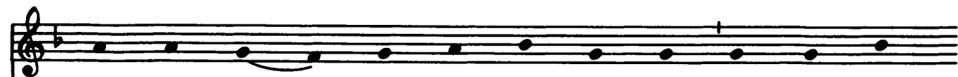


1 glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars in the hea - vens.  
2 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.  
3 join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.  
4 rest for ach - ing bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - y.  
5 wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now and for ev - er.

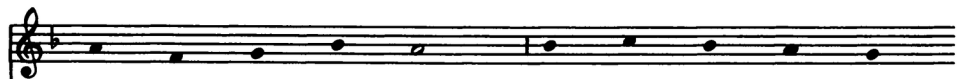
Alternative tunes: *Christe, Lux mundi*, 33; *Mighty Savior*, 35.

Words: Mozarabic, 10th cent.; tr. Alan G. McDougall (1895-1964); rev. Anne K. LeCroy (b. 1930)  
Music: *Innisfree Farm*, Richard Wayne Dirksen (b. 1921)


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11. 11. 11. 5



1 O Christ, you are both light and day, you drive a -  
2 We pray you, O most ho - ly Lord, to be our  
3 Al - though our eyes in sleep be closed, let hearts in  
4 De - fend - er of us all, look down; re - pel our  
\*5 O Christ, Re - deem - er of the world, O God, our



1 way the sha - dowed night; as Day - star you pre -  
2 guard - ian while we sleep; be - stow on us who  
3 con - stant vi - gil watch; with your right hand you  
4 dread, ma - li - cious foe; di - rect your faith - ful  
5 Ma - ker and our end, O Spi - rit, bond of




1 cede the dawn, the Her - ald of the light to come.  
2 rest in you the bless - ing of a qui - et night.  
3 will pro - tect those who be - lieve and trust in you.  
4 house - hold, Lord, whom you have pur - chased with your blood.  
5 peace and love, to you be thanks and end - less praise.


# Week 3:

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1 All praise to thee, my God, this night, for all the bless - ings  
 2 For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the ill that I this  
 3 O may my soul on thee re - pose, and with sweet sleep mine  
 4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures



of the light: keep me, O keep me, King of kings, be -  
 day have done; that with the world, my - self, and thee, I,  
 eye - lids close; sleep that shall me more vi - gorous make to  
 here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise



neath thine own al - might - y wings. (al - might - y wings.)  
 ere I sleep, at peace may be. (at peace may be.)  
 serve my God when I a - wake. (when I a - wake.)  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. (and Ho - ly Ghost.)

*This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.*

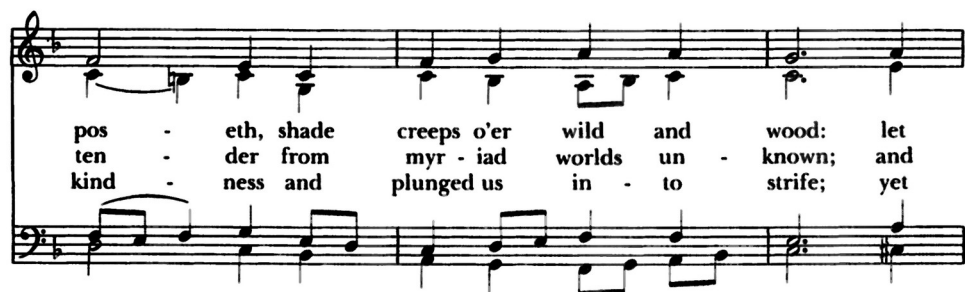
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Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585); adapt. *Hymnal* 1982

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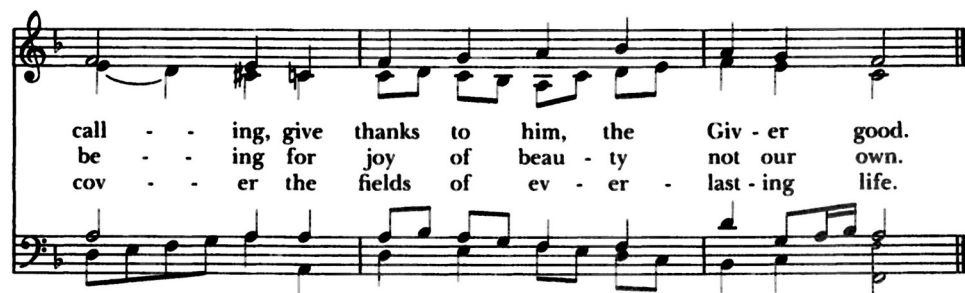
1 The du - teous day now clos - eth, each flower and tree re -  
 2 Now all the heaven-ly splen - dor breaks forth in star - light  
 3 Though long our mor - tal blind - ness has missed God's lov - ing -



pos - eth, shade creeps o'er wild and wood: let  
 ten - der from myr - iad worlds un - known; and  
 kind - ness and plunged us in - to strife; yet



us, as night is fall - ing, on God our Ma - ker  
 we, this mar - vel see - ing, for - get our sel - fish  
 when life's day is o - ver, shall death's fair night dis -



call - - ing, give thanks to him, the Giv - er good.  
 be - - ing for joy of beau - ty not our own.  
 cov - - er the fields of ev - er - last - ing life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930) and others  
 Music: *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*, melody att. Heinrich Isaac (1450?-1517);  
 harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Then follows

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Responsory: Into your hands

*Officiant or Cantor*

In - to your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spi - rit.

*People*

In - to your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spi - rit.

*Officiant or Cantor*

For you have re - deemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*People*

In - to your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spi - rit.

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Then follows

*Officiant or Cantor*

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*People*

R. Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

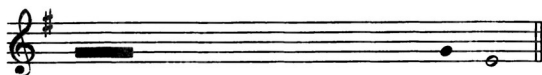
*Officiant*      *People*      *Officiant and People*

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mer - cy.

### Officiant and People



Our Father in heaven,  
     **hallowed be your Name,**  
     **your kingdom come,**  
     **your will be done,**  
         **on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
     **as we forgive those**  
         **who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial,**



and deliver us from e - vil.

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*This setting may be used in place of S 334.*

*Officiant*

## People



Lord, hear our prayer. And let our cry come to you.

*Officiant*



Let us pray.

*The Officiant then says one of the following Collects*

**Week 1:**

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, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Week 2:**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Week 3:**

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Week 4:**

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*One of the following prayers may be added*

**Weeks 1, 3:**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

**Weeks 2, 4:**

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## S 336

## Compline

## The Song of Simeon

*Nunc dimittis*

*Antiphon* Mode 3



Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep-ing;

that a - wake we may watch with Christ, and a - sleep we may rest in peace.

*In Easter Season, add:*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone 3



1. Lord, you now have set your ser - vant free to go in peace as you



have prom - ised; 2. For these eyes of mine have seen the Sav - ior,




whom you have prepared for all the world to see: 3. A Light to en -



light - en the na - tions, and the glory of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

*Antiphon* Mode 3

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

*In Easter Season, add:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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### Concluding Versicle and Blessing

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*Officiant* *People*

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*Officiant*

The almighty and mer - ci - ful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spi - rit,

*People*

bless us and keep us. A - men.

Compline Setting: adapt. David Hurd (b. 1950)

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