

Wednesday

# Compline



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## PREPARATION

*Please stand*

Minister: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

All: **Amen.**

Minister: Brethren, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the Faith. *I Peter 5:8-9*

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Minister: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

All: **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

## CONFESSION

*Please sit or kneel for a period of quiet reflection on the past day.*

Minister: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

All: **We confess to God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own greivous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.**

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting; thought Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*A priest pronounces the Absolution.*

Priest: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit..

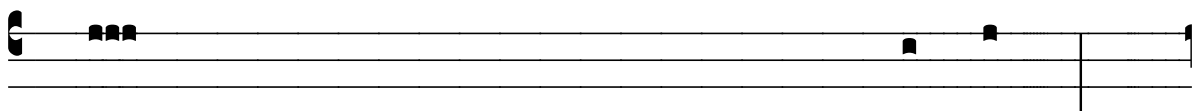
All: **Amen.**

*Stand.*

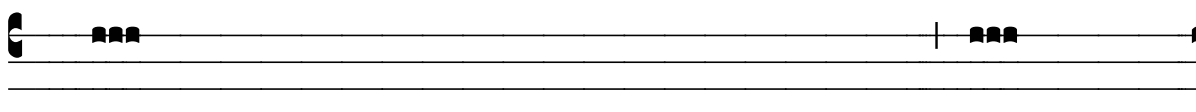
## PRECES



℣. O God, make speed to save us: ℞. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**



℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost:



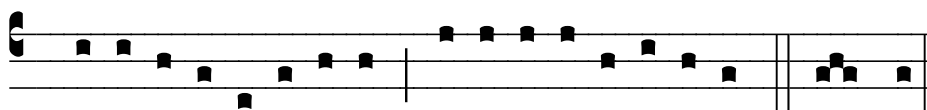
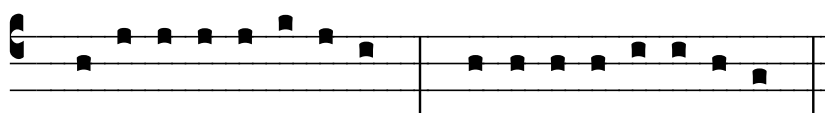
℞. **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, \* world without**



**end. A-men.** ℣. Praise ye the Lord: ℞. The Lord's name be prais-èd.

## OFFICE HYMN

Mode viij



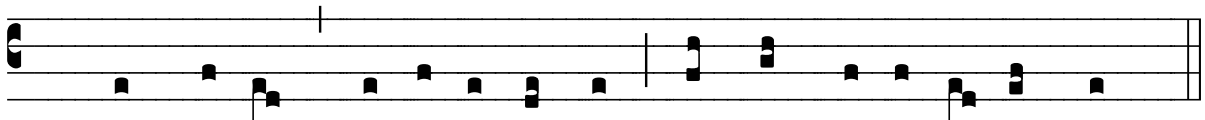
Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world we pray,  
that with thy wonted favour thou  
wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,  
from nightly fears and fantasies;  
tread underfoot our ghostly foe,  
that no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,  
through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;  
who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,  
doth live and reign eternally.  
Amen.

### ANTIPHON

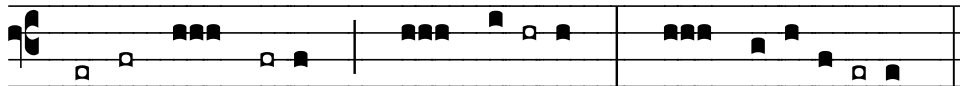
*Sit.*



Have mer-cy \* up-on me, O God, and heark-en un- to my prayer.

### PSALM 139

Mode VIII.i



*Domine, probasti*

- 1 O Lord thou hast searched me out and *known* me :  
thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising,  
thou understandest my *thoughts* long be<sup>^</sup>fore.
- 2 Thou art about my path and about my *bed* :  
and spiest *out* all my ways.
- 3 For lo there is not a word in my *tongue* :  
but thou O Lord knowest it *al*-together.
- 4 Thou hast fashioned me behind and be-*fore* :  
and laid thine *hand* up-on me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for *me* :

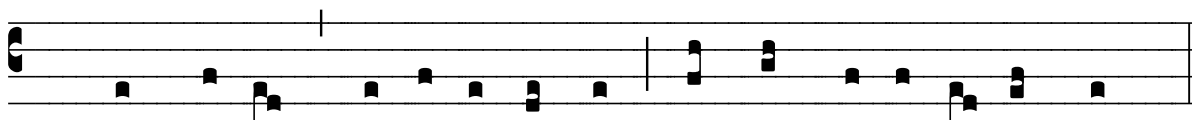
I cannot at-tain unto it.

- 6     Whither shall I go then from thy *spi*-rit :  
        or whither shall I go then *from* thy presence?
- 7     If I climb up into heaven thou art *there* :  
        if I go down to hell thou *art* there also.
- 8     If I take the wings of the *mor*-ning :  
        And remain in the uttermost *parts* of the sea,
- 9     Even there also shall thy hand *lead* me :  
        and thy right *hand* shall hold me.
- 10    If I say 'Peradventure the darkness shall co-ver^me' :  
        then shall my *night* be turned to^day,
- 11    Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as  
        the *day* :  
        the darkness and the light to *thee* are both a^like.
- 12    For my reigns are *thine* :  
        thou hast covered me *in* my mother's^womb,
- 13    I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully *made* :  
        marvellous are thy works, and that my soul *know*-est right well.
- 14    My bones were not *hid* from^thee :  
        though I be made secretly, and fashioned be-neath in the earth.
- 15    Thine eyes did see my substance yet being un-*per*-fect :  
        And in thy book were all my *mem*-bers written.
- 16    Which day by day were *fash*-ioned :  
        when as yet *there* was none of^them.
- 17    How dear are thy counsels unto me O *God* :  
        O how great is the sum of^them.
- 18    If I tell them, they are more in number than the *sand* :  
        when I wake I am *pre*-sent with thee.

- 19 Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O *God* :  
depart from ye *blood-thirsty* men.
- 20 For they speak unrighteously a-*gainst* thee :  
and thine enemies *take* thy name in^vain.
- 21 Do I not hate them, O Lord, that *hate* thee :  
and am I not grieved with those that rise *up* against thee?
- 22 Yea, I hate them right sore :  
even as though they were mine en^emies.
- 23 Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my *heart* :  
Prove me, and ex-*am*-ine my thoughts.
- 24 Look well if there be any way of wickedness in *me* :  
And lead me in the way ev-erlasting.

Glory be to the Father, and to the *Son* :  
and *to* the Holy^Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall *be* :  
world *with-out* end. Amen.



Have mer-cy \* up-on me, O God, and heark-en un- to my prayer.

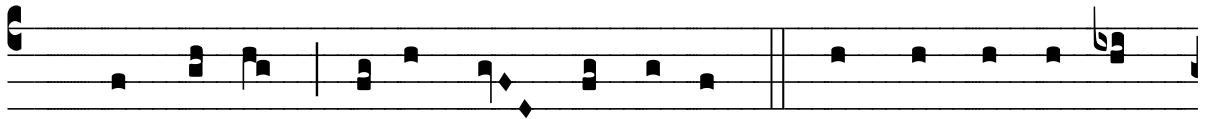
## SCRIPTURE READING

Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name. Leave us not, O Lord, our God.  
*Jeremiah 14.9*

## RESPONSORY



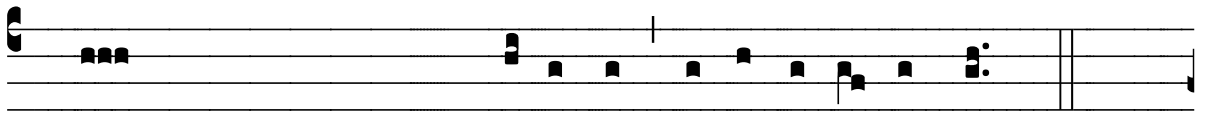
℣: In-to thy hands, O Lord, I com-mend my spi-rit. ℟: In-to thy



hands, O Lord, I com-mend my spi-rit. ℣: For thou hast re-deem-



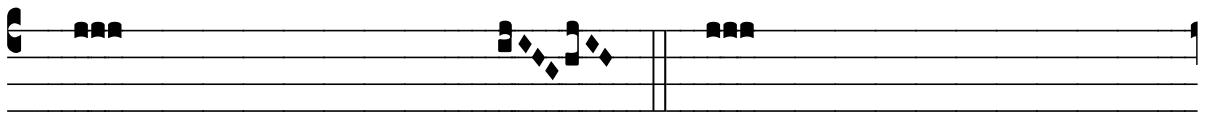
-èd me, O Lord thou God of truth. ℟: I com-mend my spi-rit.



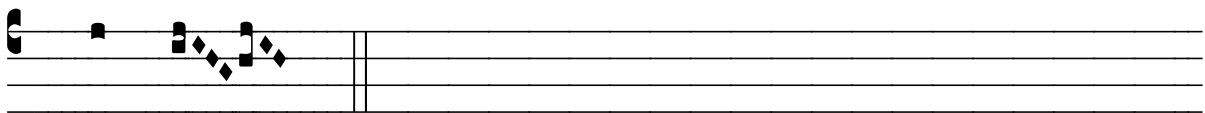
℣: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



℟: In-to thy hands, O Lord, I com-mend my spi-rit. ℣: Keep me, O



Lord, as the apple of an eye. ℟: Hide me under the shadow of

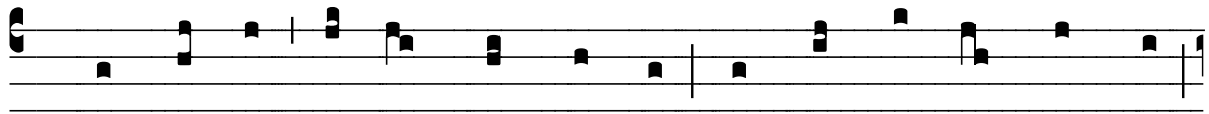


thy wings.

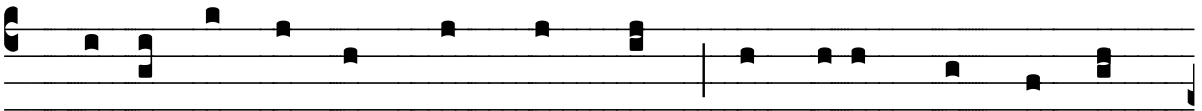


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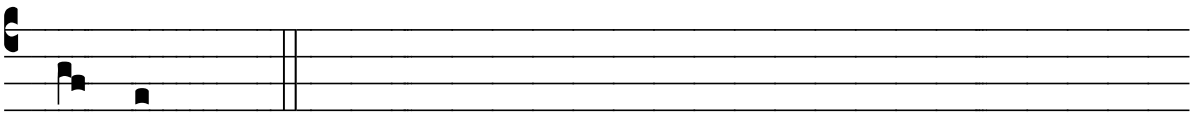
*Stand.*



Pre-serve us,★ **O Lord, while wak-ing and guard us while sleep-ing,**



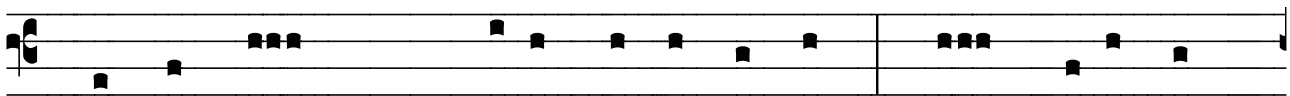
**that a-wake we may watch with Christ, and a-sleep we may rest**



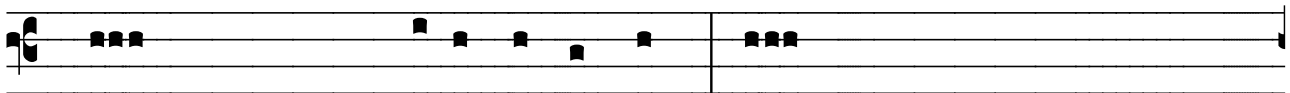
**in peace.**

*Luke 2.29-32*

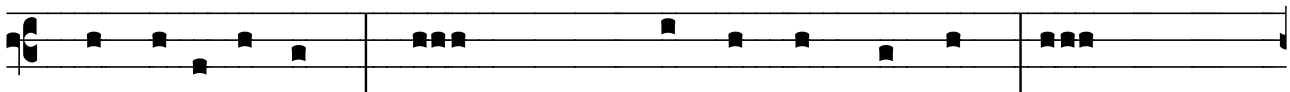
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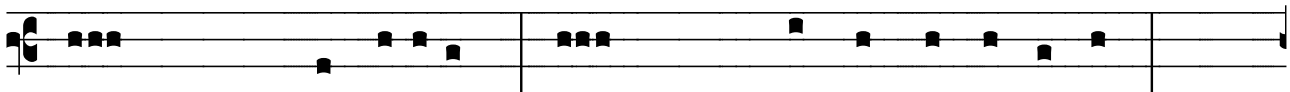
1 Lord, now lettest thou thy ser-vant de-part in peace : \*according to thy word,



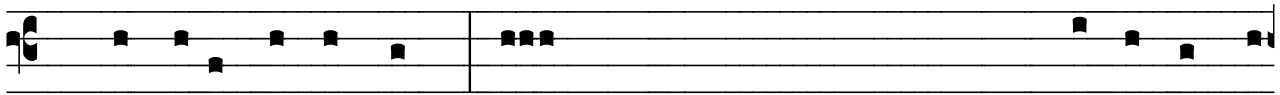
2 For mine eyes have seen thy sal-va-tion : which thou hast prepared before the



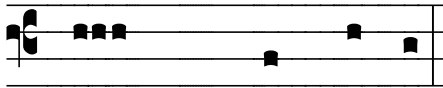
face of all peo-ple, 3. To be a light to ligh-ten the Gen-tiles : and to be the



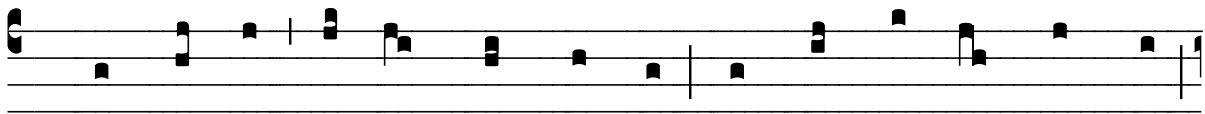
glory of thy peo-ple Is-ra-èl. Glory be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son :



and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and e-ver shall be:



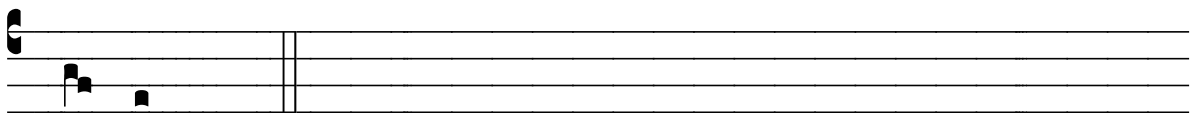
world without end. Am-en.



Pre-serve us,\* **O Lord, while wak-ing and guard us while sleep-ing,**



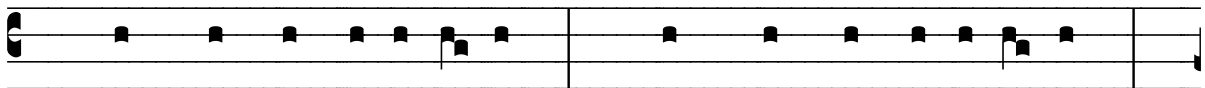
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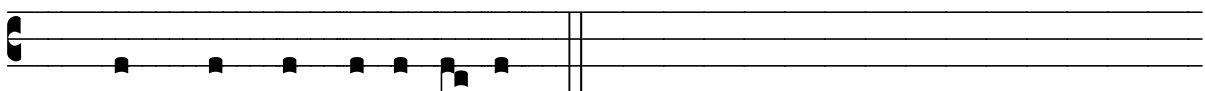
**in peace.**

*Kneel*

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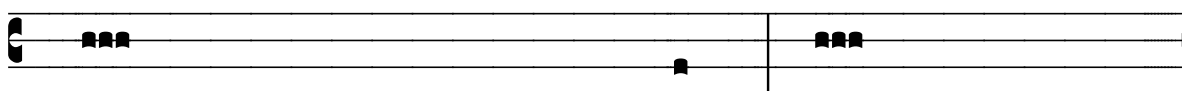


℣. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.    ℟. Christ, have mer-cy up- on us.

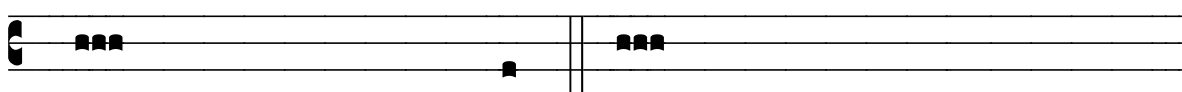


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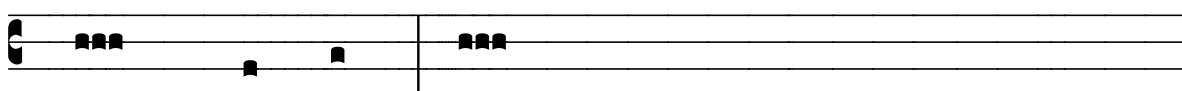
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**



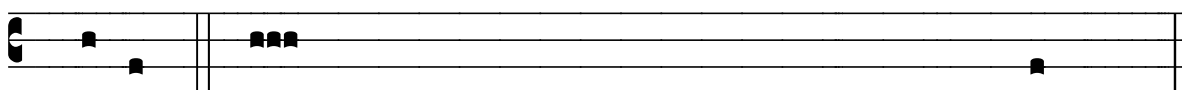
℣. Blessèd art thou, Lord God of our fa-thers:   ℟. **To be praised and**



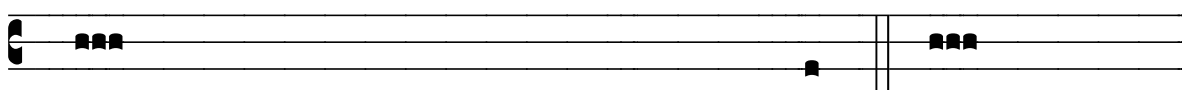
**glorified above all for ev-er.**   ℣. Let us bless the Father, the Son,



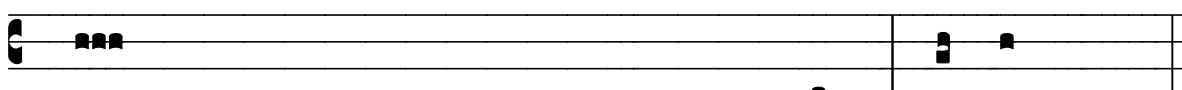
and the Ho-ly Ghost:   ℟. **Let us praise him and magnify him for**



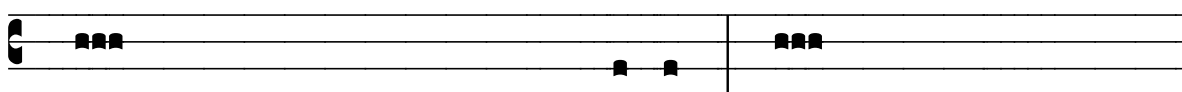
**ev-er.**   ℣. Blessèd art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of hea-ven:



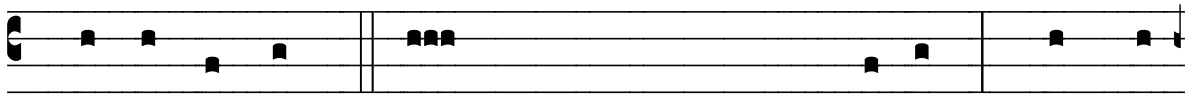
℟. **To be praised and glorified above all for ev-er.**   ℣. The almighty and



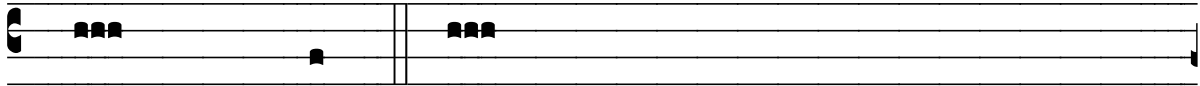
most merciful Lord guard us and give us his bles-sing.   ℟. **A-men.**



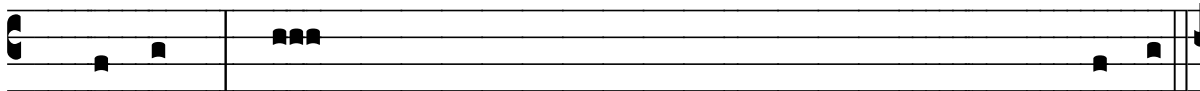
℣. Wilt thou not turn again and quick-en us:   ℟. **That thy people may**



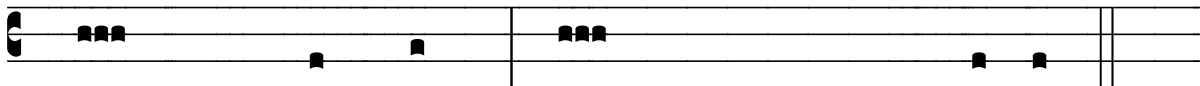
re-joice in thee? *V.* O Lord, shew thy mercy up-on us: *R.* **And grant**



**us thy salva-tion.** *V.* Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night with-



- out sin: *R.* **O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up-on us.**



*V.* O Lord, hear our prayer: *R.* **And let our cry come un-to thee.**

## THE COLLECTS

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place,  
and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy;  
let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace;  
and may thy blessing be upon us evermore;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Watch thou, dear Lord,  
with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight,  
and give thine angels charge over those who sleep.  
Tend thy sick ones, O Lord Christ.  
Rest thy weary ones.  
Bless thy dying ones.  
Soothe thy suffering ones.  
Pity thine afflicted ones.  
Shield thy joyous ones.  
And all, for thy love's sake.  
**Amen.**

Be present, O merciful God,  
 and protect us through the silent hours of this night,  
 So that we who are wearied  
 By the changes and chances of this fleeting world,  
 May repose upon thy eternal changelessness;  
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

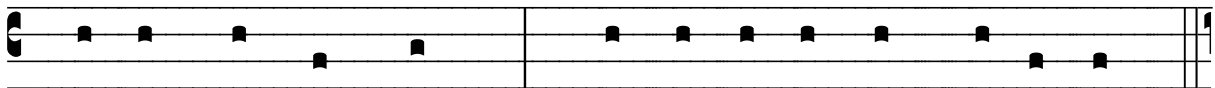
## CONCLUSION

Minister: We will lay us down in peace and take our rest.  
 All: **For it is thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety.**

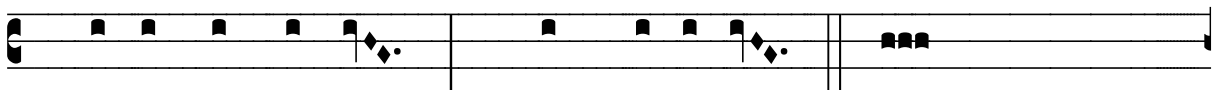
Minister: Abide with us, O Lord,  
 All: **For it is toward evening and the day is far spent.**

Minister: As the watchmen look for the morning,  
 All: **So do we look for thee, O Christ.**

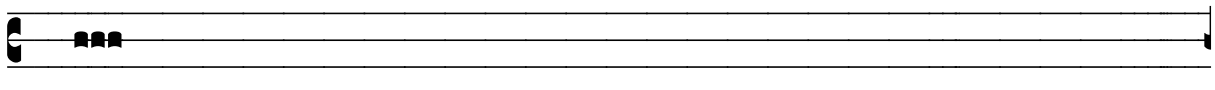
Minister: Come with the dawning of the day,  
 All: **And make thyself known in the breaking of bread.**



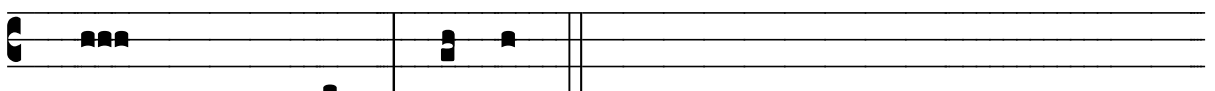
℣. O Lord, hear our prayer: ℞. **And let our cry come un-to thee.**



℣. Let us bless the Lord: ℞. **Thanks be to God.** ℣. The Almighty and



merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, vouchsafe to bless



us and preserve us. ℞. **A-men.**

*All depart in silence.*







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