

# ORDER OF COMPLINE



LENT

The congregation assembles in silence

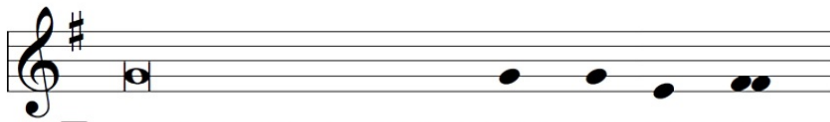
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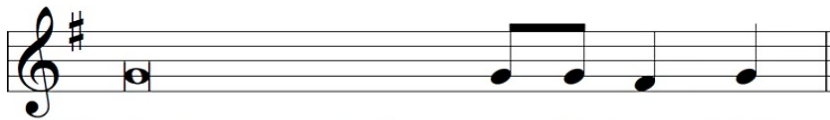
**L** The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



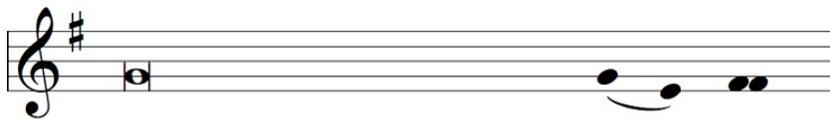
**C** A - men.



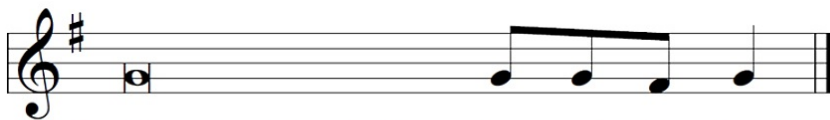
**L** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



**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.

*Psalm 92:1*

## CONFESSION

**L** Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and 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.**



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and fa - vor;  
 2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could ren - der  
 3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had giv - en  
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un - ceas - ing;



Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They help and save us nev - er.  
 Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For man, the vile of - fend - er.  
 That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And by their works gain heav - en.  
 The task was use - less and in vain, Our guilt was e'er in - creas - ing.



Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
 Our flesh has not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the  
 The Law is but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred  
 None can re - move sin's poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.  
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.  
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.  
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.



5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled  
Or we must die despairing,  
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,  
Our human nature sharing.  
He has for us the Law obeyed  
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed  
Which over us impended.

## READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT ~ Genesis 19:1-16

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God

*Stand*

### **The Passion of Our Lord According to St. Matthew - Part 2: Matthew 26:30-56**

Evangelist: *And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,*

CHRIST: "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

Evangelist: *Peter answered him,*

**CHORUS: "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away."**

Evangelist: *Jesus said to him,*

CHRIST: "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times."

Evangelist: *Peter said to him,*

**CHORUS: "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!"**

Evangelist: *And all the disciples said the same. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,*

CHRIST: "Sit here, while I go over there and pray."

Evangelist: *And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them,*

CHRIST: "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me."

Evangelist: *And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying,*

CHRIST: “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”

Evangelist: *And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter,*

CHRIST: “So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Evangelist: *Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed,*

CHRIST: “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”

Evangelist: *And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,*

CHRIST: “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

Evangelist: *While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,*

**CHORUS: “The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.”**

Evangelist: *And he came up to Jesus at once and said,*

**CHORUS: “Greetings, Rabbi!”**

Evangelist: *And he kissed him. Jesus said to him,*

CHRIST: “Friend, do what you came to do.”

Evangelist: *Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,*

CHRIST: “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?”

Evangelist: *At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,*

CHRIST: “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”

Evangelist: *Then all the disciples left him and fled.*

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God

# HOLY GOSPEL ~ Matthew 4:1-11

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## RESPONSORY



**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.

1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all

Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by

Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer;  
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son  
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 To You, O blessed Trinity,  
 Be praise now and eternally!

# SERMON ~ "Angels of the Passion: A Mission of Mercy, Part 1"

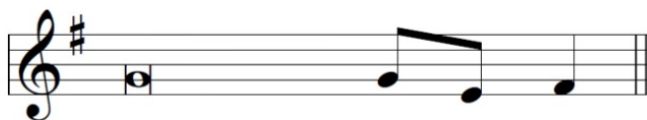
Genesis 19:1-16; Matthew 4:1-11

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## PRAYER

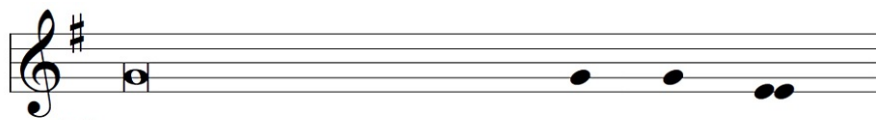


**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;

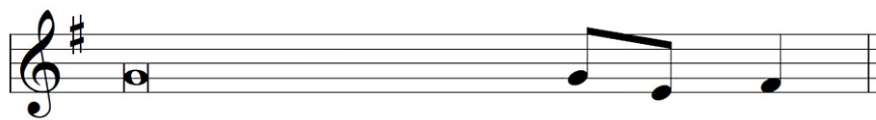


**C** listen to my cry.

*Psalm 102:1*

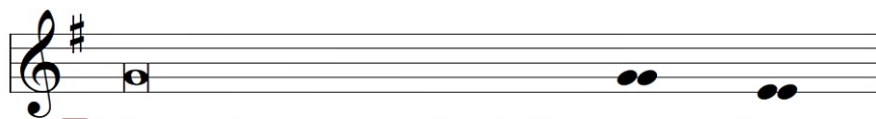


**L** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;

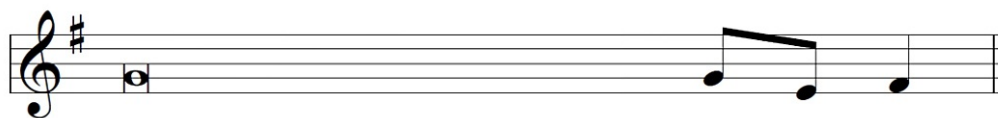


**C** hide me in the shadow of Your wings.

*Psalm 17:8*



**L** In righteousness I shall see You;



**C** when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.

*Psalm 17:15*

*One or more prayers are said.*

*After each prayer:*

**C** Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** 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.**



**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 -

*Antiphon*

ev - er. A - men. Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,

and guard us sleep - ing that a - wake we may

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## BENEDICTION

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Fa - ther, the ✠ Son,  
**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Fa - ther, the ✠ Son,

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

**C** A - men.

+ *Soli Deo Gloria* +



6 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made And brought to us sal-  
 7 Let me not doubt, but tru - ly see Your Word can - not be  
 8 The Law re - veals the guilt of sin And makes us con - science-  
 9 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone And rests in Him un-  
 △ 10 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And  
 bro - ken; Your call rings out, "Come un - to Me!" No  
 strick - en; But then the Gos - pel en - ters in The  
 ceas - ing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With  
 Spir - it, The God who saved us by His grace; All



build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear  
 false - hood have You spo - ken. Bap - tized in - to Your  
 sin - ful soul to quick - en. Come to the cross, trust  
 love and hope in - creas - ing. For faith a - lone can  
 glo - ry to His mer - it. O tri - une God in



Lord, I plead, Your death is now my  
 pre - cious name, My faith can - not be  
 Christ, and live; The Law no peace can  
 jus - ti - fy; Works serve our neigh - bor  
 heav'n a - bove, You have re - vealed Your



life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.  
 put to shame, And I shall nev - er per - ish.  
 ev - er give, No com - fort and no bless - ing.  
 and sup - ply The proof that faith is liv - ing.  
 sav - ing love; Your bless - ed name we hal - low.