

ORDER OF COMPLINE



LENT

The congregation assembles in silence

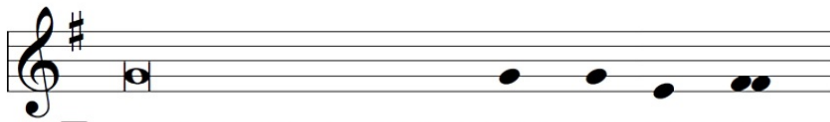
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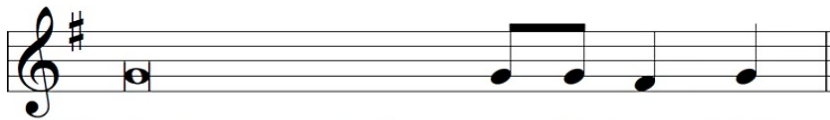
L The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



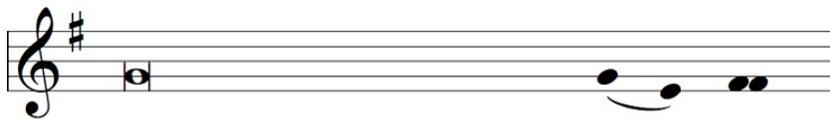
C A - men.



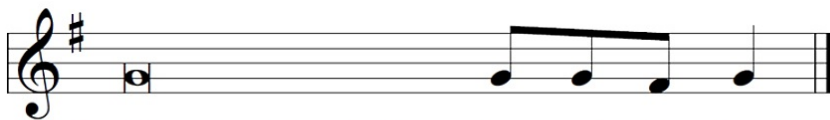
L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



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 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And

guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al

sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When

pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall

out com-plaint, That spot-less life to of - fer, He bears the
 from their dread Of guilt and con-dem - na - tion. The wrath and
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in

stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall

yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT ~ 2 Kings 6:8-23

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God

Stand

The Passion of Our Lord According to St. Matthew - Part 5: Matthew 27:27-56

Evangelist: *Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,*

CHORUS: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Evangelist: *And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying,*

CHORUS: "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

Evangelist: *So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,*

CHORUS: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

Evangelist: *And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying,*

CHRIST: "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

Evangelist: *that is,*

CHRIST: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Evangelist: *And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said,*

CHORUS: "This man is calling Elijah."

Evangelist: *And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,*

CHORUS: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

Evangelist: *And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said,*

CHORUS: “Truly this was the Son of God!”

Evangelist: *There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.*

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God**

HOLY GOSPEL ~ Matthew 26:47-56

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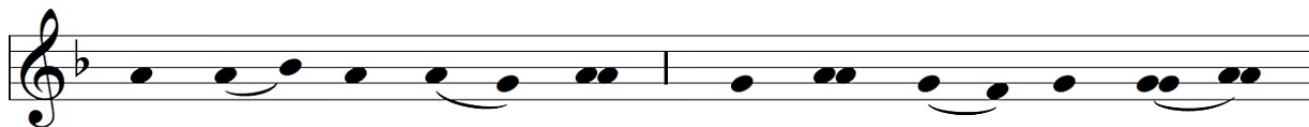
RESPNSORY



L In-to Your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.



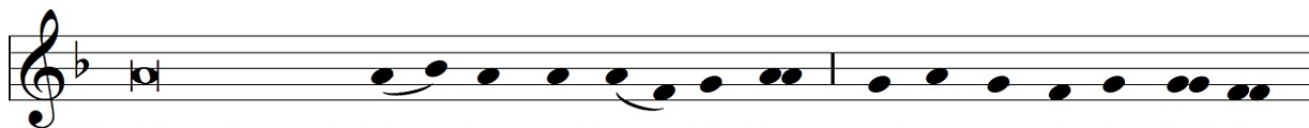
C In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



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 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me



in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

SERMON ~ "Angels of the Passion: Just One Little Word"

2 Kings 6:8-23; Matthew 26:47-56

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PRAYER

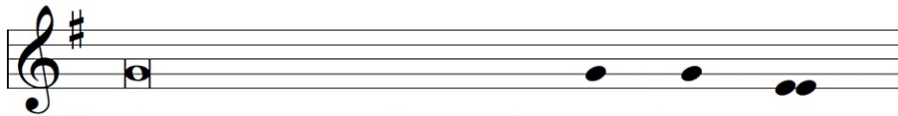


L Hear my prayer, O Lord;

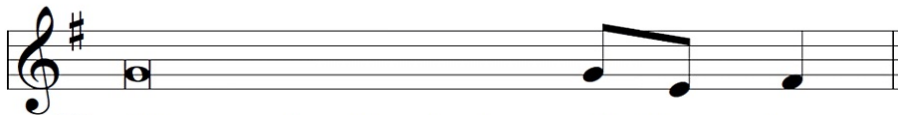


C listen to my cry.

Psalm 102:1



L Keep me as the apple of Your eye;

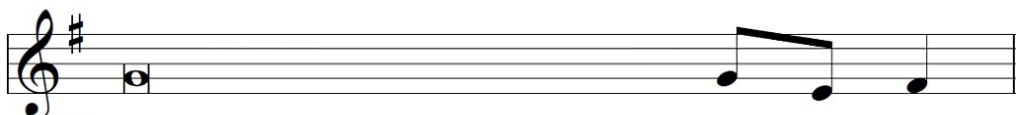


C hide me in the shadow of Your wings.

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.

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32



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 -



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

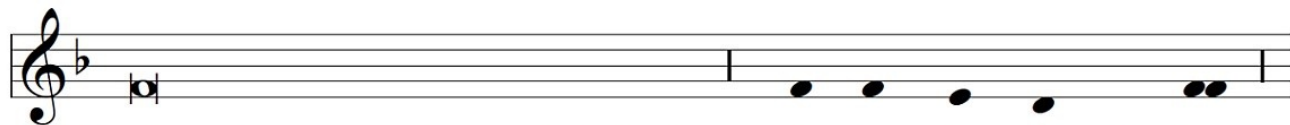


and guard us sleep - ing that a - wake we may



watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

BENEDICTION



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



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



C A - men.

1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
 2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,
 4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.

With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
 Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;
 But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.
 Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.

Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
 Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
 Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;
 How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure

Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
 How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
 This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.
 Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

5 If my sins give me alarm
 And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
 Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
 By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His son,
 God must have compassion.

6 Graciously my faith renew;
 Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
 Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
 Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
 Sing Your praise forever.

Join us for Holy Week Services



Palm Sunday: March 28 & 29 • 5:00 PM (Sat.) & 9:00 AM (Sun.)

Maundy Thursday: April 2 • 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Good Friday: April 3 • 12:00 PM (Tre Ore Service)
• 6:30 PM (Tenebrae Service)

Easter Vigil: April 4 • 7:30 PM

Easter Sunrise Divine Service: April 5 • 6:30 AM with
Easter Breakfast to follow

Easter Sunday Divine Service: 9:00 AM

