



WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

After gathering in silence, the assembly stands, and speaks or sings:

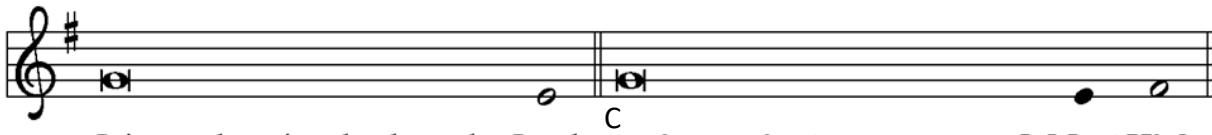


Almighty God grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.



C **A - men.**

The following dialogues is spoken or sung.



P It is good to give thanks to the Lord, **to sing praise to your name, O Most High;**



P to herald your love in the morning, **your truth at the close of the day.**

EVENING HYMN *(see separate sheet)*

CONFSSION AND ASSURANCE

The leader invites the assembly into the confession.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or sits and keeps silence for self-examination. The leader begins the confession.

P Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.

P By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven. We rest now in the peace of Christ and rise in the morning to serve.

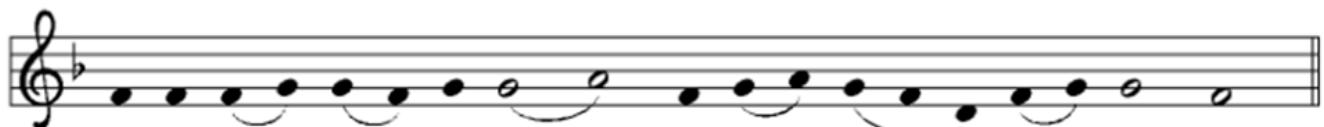
PSALMODY

(see attached sheet)

READING

The service includes a brief reading and is followed by extended silence for reflection or a brief meditation.

The following responsory is spoken or sung.



P In - to your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.



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



P You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth.



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



P Glory 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.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

The assembly stands to speak or sing the gospel canticle for night prayer, the song of Simeon, using the following or another musical version (#200–203, 313, 440). As an alternative, the canticle may be sung after the Lord's Prayer and before the concluding blessing.

Leader

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.

All

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been ful-filled.

My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared

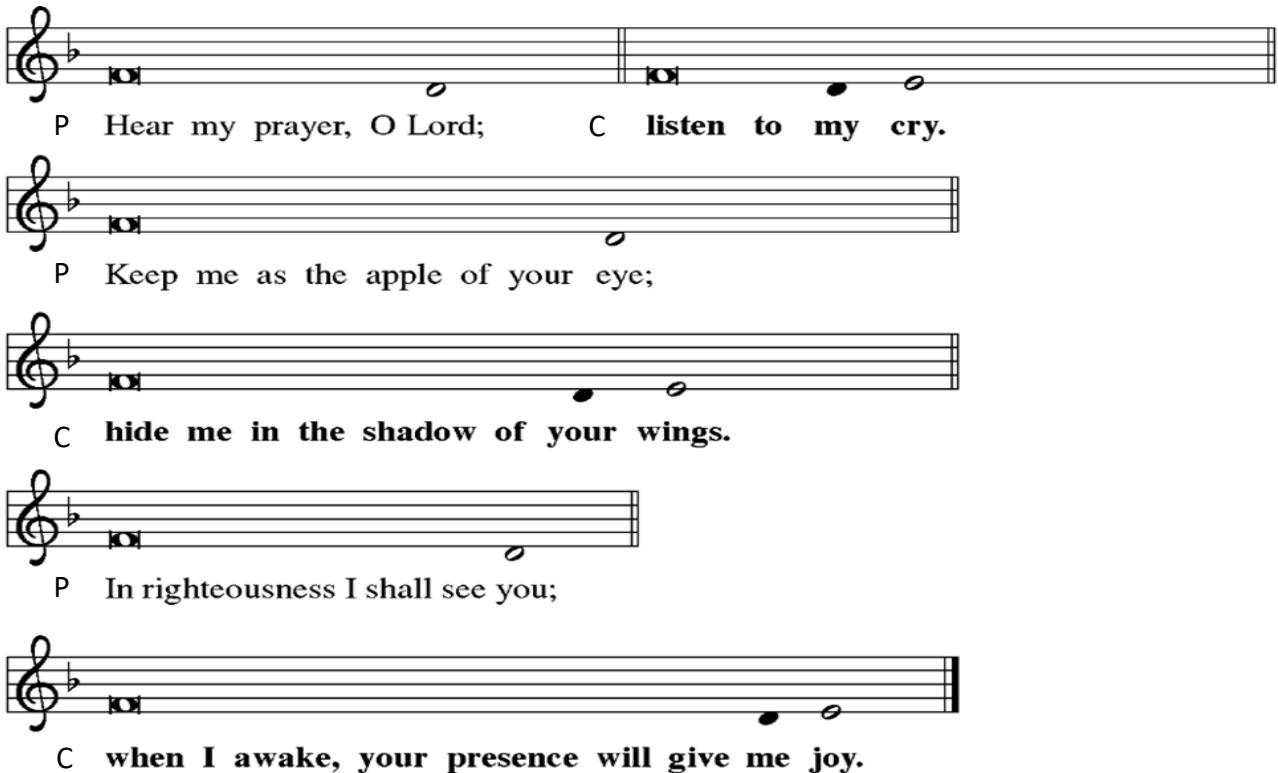
in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to reveal you to the

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

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.

PRAYERS



P Hear my prayer, O Lord; C listen to my cry.

P Keep me as the apple of your eye;

C hide me in the shadow of your wings.

P In righteousness I shall see you;

C when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

(Other intercessory prayers may be added, if desired.)

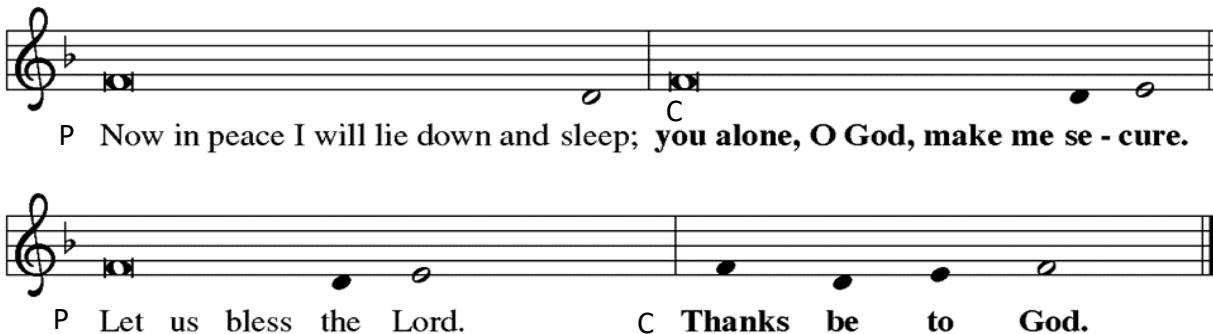
P Let us pray.
O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Keep watch with those who work or watch or weep this night and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (All)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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.

BLESSING



P Now in peace I will lie down and sleep; **C** you alone, O God, make me se - cure.

P Let us bless the Lord. C Thanks be to God.