

AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE



Ÿ. The Lord Almighty ☩ grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

℞. Amen.

Ÿ. 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.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℞. Thanks be to God.

Ÿ. Our help ☩ is in the Name of the Lord;

℞. Who hath made heaven and earth.

The Officiant may then say

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Officiant and People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against thee,
through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in those things which we have left undone.

For these offenses we are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Ÿ. May the Almighty God ☩ grant us forgiveness of all our sins, amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Ghost.

℞. Amen.

Ÿ. O God, ☩ make speed to save us.

℞. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

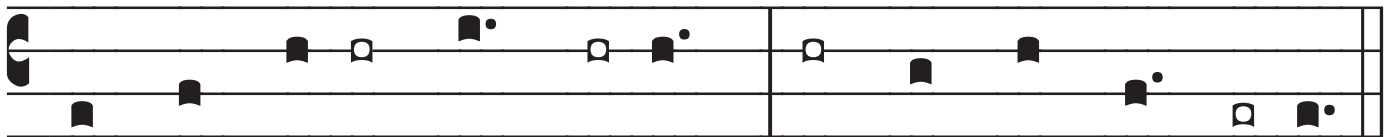
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Ÿ. Praise ye the Lord

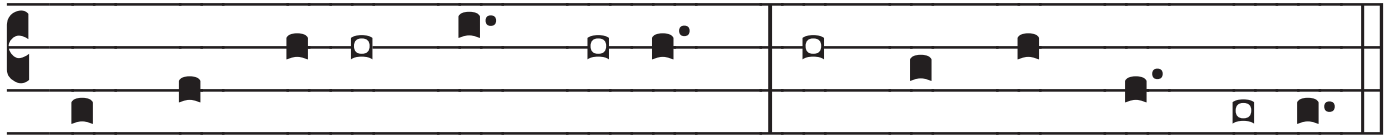
℞. The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm 4. *Cum invocarem.*



HEAR me when I call, O God of my • righteousness:
* thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy upon me, and hearken un•to my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine •
honor, * and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek • after
falsehood?



3 Know this also, that the LORD hath chosen to himself
the man that is • godly; * when I call upon the LORD •
he will hear me.

4 Stand in awe, and sin • not; * commune with your own
heart, and in your • chamber, and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifice of • righteousness, * and put your •
trust in the LORD.

6 There be many that • say, * Who will • show us any
good?

7 LORD, lift thou • up * the light of thy counte•nance
upon us.

8 Thou hast put gladness in my • heart; * yea, more than
when their corn and • wine and oil increase.

9 I will lay me down in peace, and take my • rest; * for it
is thou, LORD only, that makest me • dwell in safety.

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 • without end. Amen.

Psalm 31. *In te, Domine, speravi.*



IN thee, O LORD, have I put my trust; † let me never be put to con•fusion; * deliver me • in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine • ear to me; * make haste • to deliver me.

3 And be thou my strong rock, and house of de•fence, * that thou • mayest save me.

4 For thou art my strong rock, and my • castle: * be thou also my guide, and lead me • for thy Name's sake.

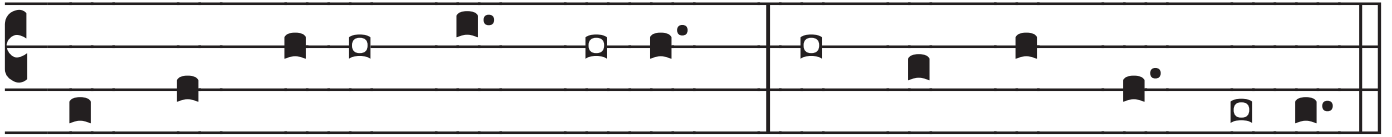
5 Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for • me; * for • thou art my strength.

6 Into thy hands I commend my • spirit; * for thou hast redeemed me, O • LORD, thou God of truth.

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 without end. Amen.

Psalm 91. *Qui habitat.*



WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the Most •
High, * shall abide under the shadow of • the
Almighty.

2 I will say unto the LORD, Thou art my hope, and my •
stronghold; * my God, in • him will I trust.

3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the • hunter,
* and from the • noisome pestilence.

4 He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt
be safe under his • feathers; * his faithfulness and truth
shall be thy • shield and buckler.

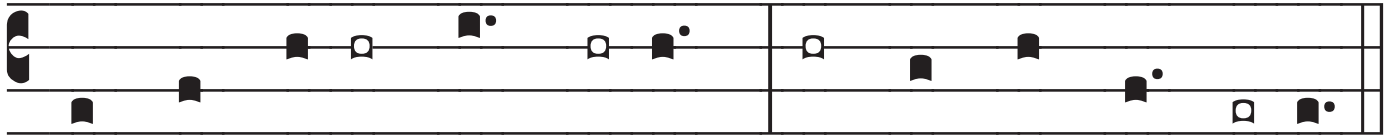
5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by • night, * nor
for the arrow that • flieth by day;

6 For the pestilence that walketh in • darkness, * nor for
the sickness that destroyeth • in the noon-day.

7 A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at
thy right • hand; * but it shall • not come nigh thee.

8 Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou be • hold, * and see the
reward of • the ungodly.

9 For thou, LORD, art my • hope; * thou hast set thine
house of • defence very high.



10 There shall no evil happen unto • thee, * neither shall any plague come • nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over • thee, * to keep • thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee in their • hands, * that thou hurt not thy • foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt go upon the lion and • adder: * the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread • under thy feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I de•liver him; * I will set him up, because • he hath known my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will • hear him; * yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring • him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy • him, * and show him • my salvation.

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 • without end. Amen.

The following, or some other suitable passage of scripture, is read

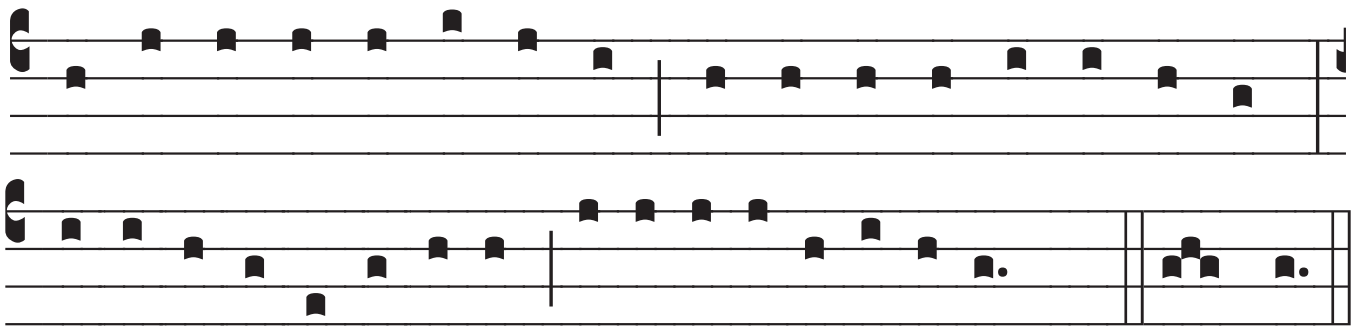
Thou, Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy Name; leave us not, O Lord, our God.

Jeremiah 14:9

R̄. Thanks be to God.

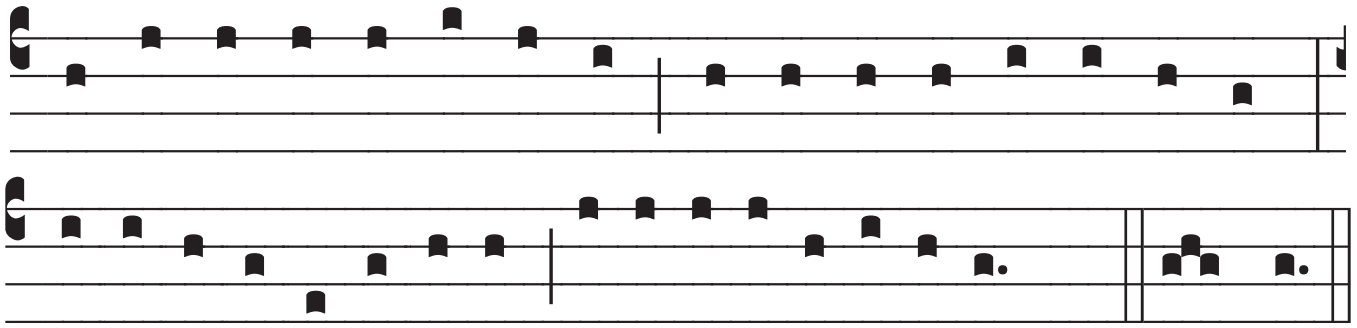
The following, or another hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

Te lucis ante terminum



To thee before the close of day,
Creator of the world we pray
That with thy wonted favor thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot 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,
Shall live and reign eternally. Amen.

Latin, c. 7th cent.

Then follows

On Holy Thursday is recited:

For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting even death.

On Good Friday is recited:

For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting even death,
death on a cross.

Compline is recited on Holy Saturday only by those who have not participated in the Easter Vigil. On that night is recited:

For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting even death,
death on a cross. Therefore God raised him on high and
gave him the name above all other names.

On other nights is said:

℣. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
℟. For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God
of truth.

℣. Keep me as an apple of an eye;
℟. Hide me under the shadow of thy wing.

℣. Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟. Christ, have mercy upon us.

℣. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant and People

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.

℣. O Lord, hear our prayer;

℟. And let our cry come unto thee.

℣. Let us pray.

Then may be said

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

℞. And with thy spirit.

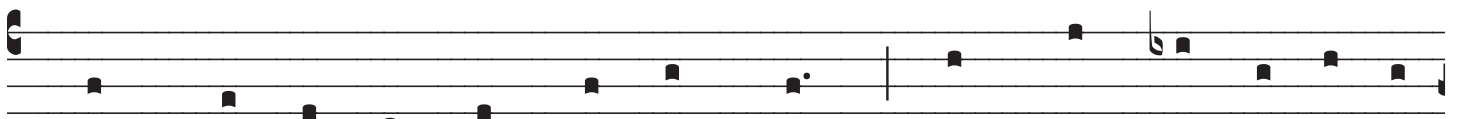
Ÿ. Let us bless the Lord.

℞. Thanks be to God.

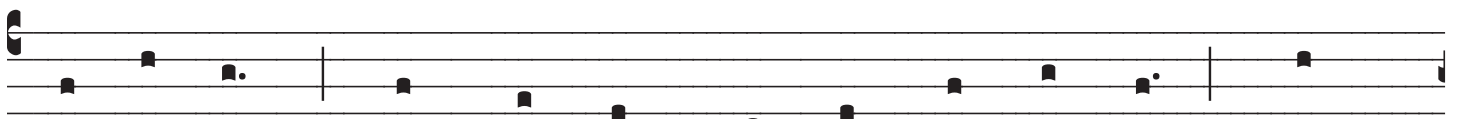
The Officiant concludes

The almighty ✠ and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless us and keep us. *Amen*

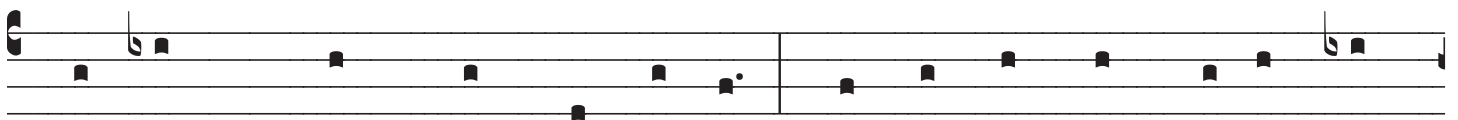
Ave Regina Coelorum



Queen of the heavens, we hail thee, Hail thee, La-dy of all



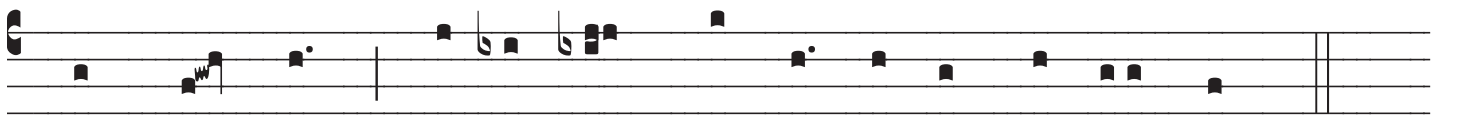
the Angels; Thou the dawn, the door of morning, whence



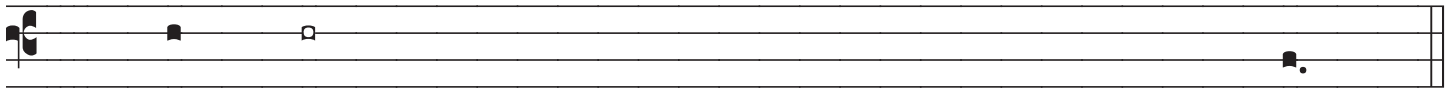
the world's true Light is risen: Joy to thee, O Virgin glo-



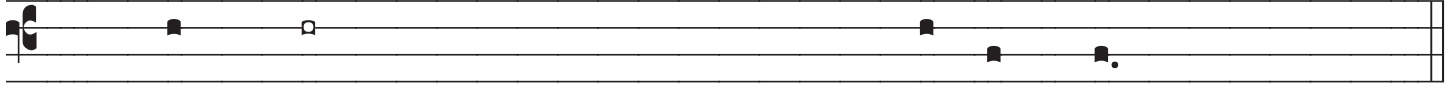
rious, Beau-ti-ful beyond all other; Hail, and farewell, O



most gra-cious, In-ter-cede for us al-way to Je- sus.




Ÿ. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O holy Vir-gin.

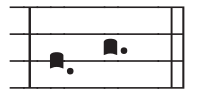


R̄. Give me strength against thine e-ne-mies.



Let us pray:

 **W**e beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to assist our infirmity : that like as we do now commemorate bless-ed Mary Ever-Virgin, Mother of God ; so by the help of her intercession we may die to our former sins and rise again to newness of life. Through the same Christ our Lord.



Amen.