

AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE *for the* SEASON OF ADVENT

BASED ON THAT IN THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Bell x 3.

INTROIT: *Rorate caeli*

The Antiphon refrain is sung by all, the verses by the Cantor. Selected verses may be sung.

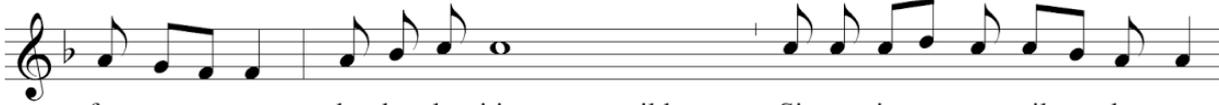
Antiphon



Drop down, ye hea-vens, from a - bove,* and let the skies pour down right-ous-ness.



1. Be not wroth ve - ry sore, O Lord, neither remember in - i qui - ty



for - ev - er: thy ho - ly cities are a wilderness, Si - on is a wil - der-ness,



Je - ru - sa - lem a de - so - la - tion: our holy and our



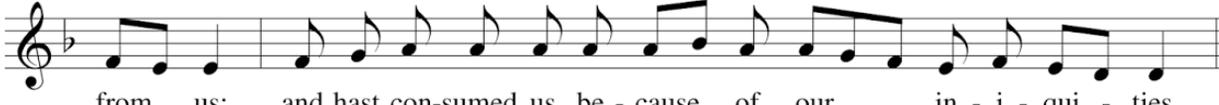
beau - ti - ful house, where our fa - thers prais - ed thee. Drop down... *Repeat Antiphon*



2. We have sinned, and are as an un - clean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf:

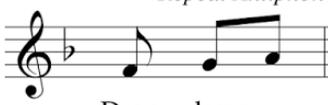


and our iniquities, like the wind have ta - ken us a - way; thou hast hid thy face

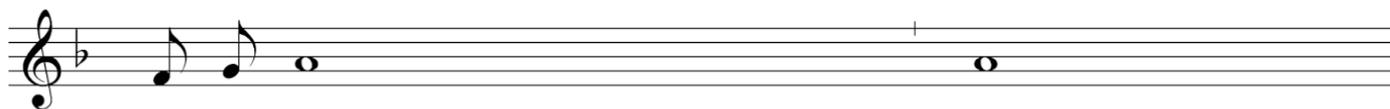


from us: and hast con - sumed us, be - cause of our in - i - qui - ties.

Repeat Antiphon



Drop down...



3. Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom



I have cho - sen; that ye may know me and be - lieve me:



I, e - ven I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Sa - vior:

Repeat Antiphon



and there is none that can de - li - ver out of my hand. Drop down...



4. Com-fort ye, com-fort ye my peo - ple, my sal-va-tion shall not tar - ry:



I have blot - ted out as a thick cloud thy trans - gres - sions:

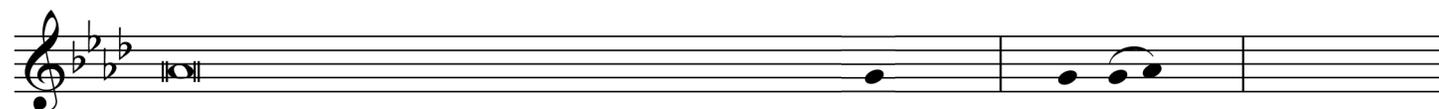


Fear not, for I will save thee: For I am the Lord thy God,

Repeat Antiphon



the Holy One of Is - ra - el, thy Re - deem - er. Drop down...



Cantor The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. *Full* A - men.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us; *Full* O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor (bow) Glory to you, Source of all being, eternal Word and Ho - ly Spi - rit;

Full As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be; world without end. A - men.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord; *Full* The Lord's Name be prais - ed.

One of the following psalms:

Psalm 80

- Can.* 1 **Hear, Ö Shepherd of Israel, leading / Joseph líke a flock; ***
Can. shine forth, you that are enthroned / upon the chérubim.
- Dec.* 2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, / and Manásseh, ***
 stir up your strength / and come to hélp us.
- Can.* 3 **Restore / us, O Gód of hosts; ***
 show the light of your countenance, and we sháll be saved.



Dec. 4 —/O LORD GÓD of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the / prayers of your péople?

Can. 5 You have fed them / with the bréad of tears; *
you have given / them bowls of téars to drink.

Dec. 6 You have made us the derision / of our néighbors, *
and our en/emies laugh ús to scorn.

Can. 7 Restore / us, O GÓD of hosts; *
Dec. show the light of your counte/nance, and we sháll be saved.

Cantoris (*bow*) Glory be to the Father and / to the Són *
and / to the Holý Ghost.

Decani As it was in the beginning is now and / ever sháll be, *
world / without end. Ámen.

LESSON

Keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.

And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.

St. Mark 13:35-37

Or

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.

Or

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

St Matthew 11. 28-30.

Or

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13. 20, 21.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSES



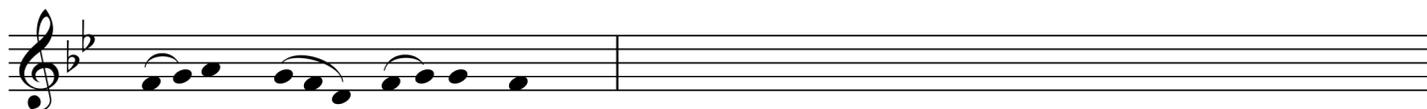
Cantor In - to thy hands O Lord I com - mend my spi - rit;



Full In - to thy hands O Lord I com - mend my spi - rit.



Cantor For thou hast re - deem - èd me O Lord thou God of truth;



Full I com - mend my spi - rit.

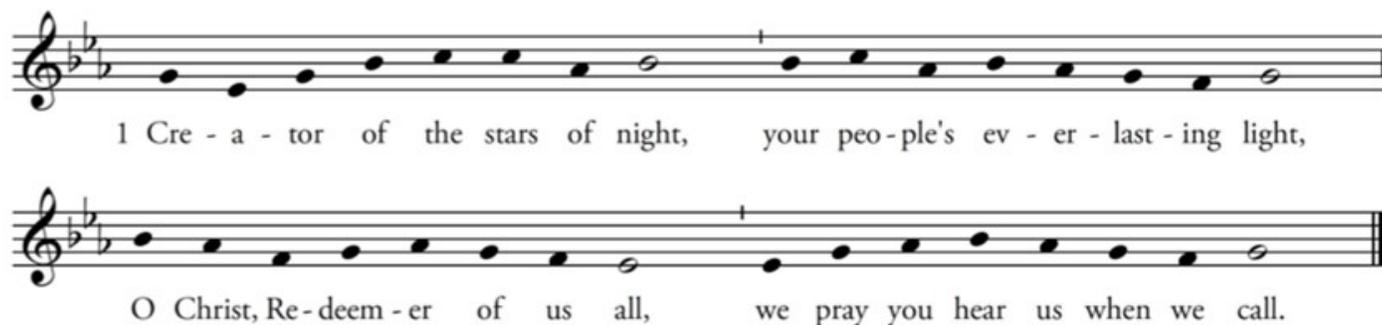


Cantor (bow) Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son; and to the Ho - ly Ghost.



Full In - to thy hands O Lord I com - mend my spi - rit.

HYMN: *Conditor alme siderum*



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

2 In sorrow that the ancient curse
should doom to death a universe,
you came, O Saviour to set free
your own in glorious liberty.

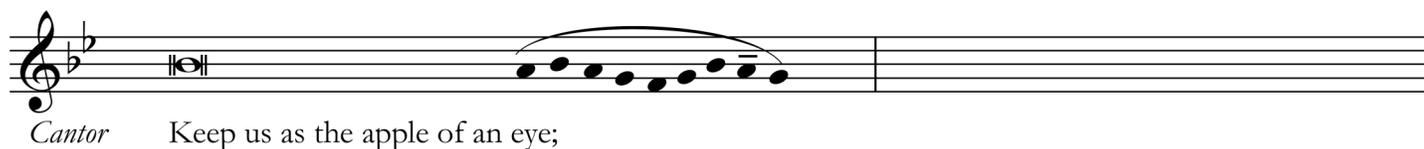
4 At your great Name, O Jesus, pray,
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
all things on earth with one accord,
like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

3 When this old world drew on toward night,
you came; but not in splendor bright,
not as a monarch but the child
of Mary, blameless mother mild.

5 Come in your holy might, we pray,
redeem us for eternal day;
defend us while we dwell below
from all assaults of our dread foe.

6 To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honour, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally.

ANTIPHON & NUNC DIMITTUS



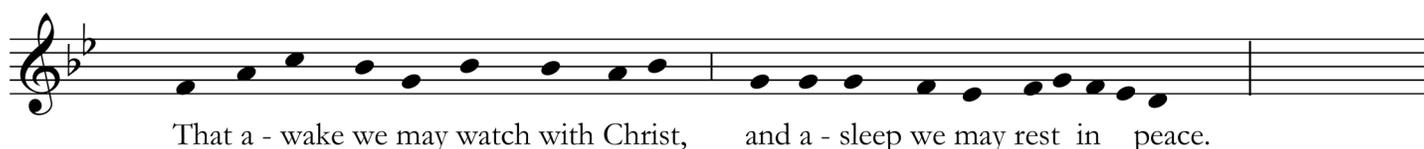
Cantor Keep us as the apple of an eye;



Full Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.



Pre - serve us O Lord while wa - king, and guard us while sleep - ing;



That a - wake we may watch with Christ, and a - sleep we may rest in peace.



Cantor LORD NOW LET-test thou thy servant de-part in peace; *

Decani According to thy word.

Cantor FOR MINE EYES have seen thy sal-va[^]tion; *

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peo-ple.

Decani TO BE A light to light-en the Gen-tiles:*

And to be the glory of thy peo-ple Is-ra[^]el

Cantor (*bow*) GLORY BE to the Father and to the Son: *

And to the Ho-ly[^]Ghost.

Decani AS IT WAS in the beginning, is now, and e-ver shall be: *

World without end. A-men.

Full Preserve us... (*as above*)

APOSTLES CREED *Stand, if desired.*

People **I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,**

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 the holy Catholic Church;
 The Communion of Saints;
 The Forgiveness of Sins;
 the +Resurrection of the body
 And the Life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSES & LORD'S PRAYER

Cantor Let us pray. (*kneel or sit, as desired.*) Lord have mercy up - on us.

Full Christ have mercy up - on us. *Cantor* Lord have mercy up - on us.

All **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, the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant Blessed art thou, Lord God of our forebears;

People **To be praised and glorified above all forever.**

Officiant Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

People **Let us praise and magnify God for ever.**

Officiant Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;

People **To be praised and glorified above all for ever.**

Officiant The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing.

People **Amen.**

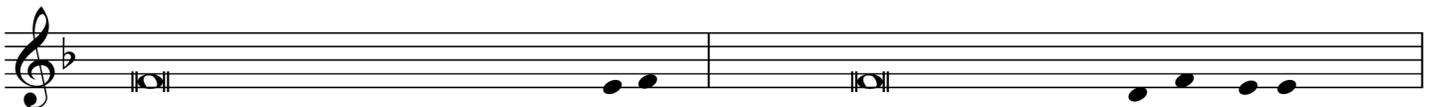
CONFESSIO & ABSOLUTION

All **We confess to Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own grievous 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant May the Almighty and most merciful Lord grant unto us pardon and remission of all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**



Cantor Wilt thou not turn again and quick - en us; *Full* That thy people may re - joice in thee?



Cantor O Lord show thy mer - cy u - pon us; *Full* And grant us thy sal - va - tion.



Cantor Vouchsafe O Lord to keep us this night with - out sin;



Full O Lord have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



Cantor O Lord, hear our prayer; *Full* And let our cry come un - to thee.

COLLECTS

Collect(s) for the Day, followed by:

Collect for Protection

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place, and drive 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.**

Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYERS & FINAL RESPONSES

“Night Prayer” – from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*

Lord,
it is night.

The night is for stillness.
Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.
What has been done has been done;
what has not been done has not been done;
let it be.

The night is dark.
Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives
rest in you.

The night is quiet.
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
all dear to us,
and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.
Let us look expectantly to a new day,
new joys,
new possibilities.

In your name we pray.
Amen.

Officiant For the peace of the whole world:

People **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Officiant For those who are weary, sleepless or depressed:

People **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Officiant For those who are hungry, sick or frightened:

People **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Officiant For rest and refreshment

People **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

One or more of the following prayers may be said:

Look down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

FINAL RESPONSES *Sit, if desired.*



Cantor We will lay us down in peace and take our rest;



Full For it is thou Lord only that makest us dwell in safe - ty.



Cantor The Lord be with you; *Full* And with thy spi - rit.



Cantor Let us bless the Lord; *Full* Thanks be to God.

Officiant The Almighty and Merciful God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

People **Amen.**

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