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PRAYER AT THE CLOSE OF DAY

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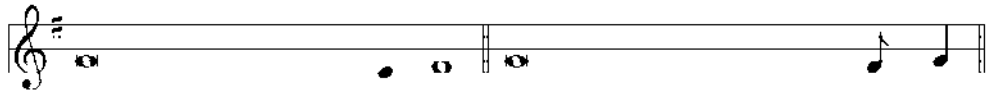
PRELUDE

Stand

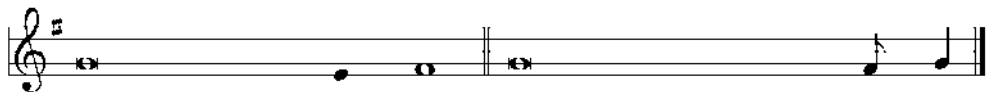
GATHERING



L The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last. **A - men**



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



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

NIGHT HYMN

All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night (LBW 278)



- 1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the bless-ings of the light.
- 2 For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the ill that I this day have done;
- 3 Teach me to live, that I may dread the grave as lit - tle as my bed.
- 4 Oh, may my soul in thee re - pose, and may sweet sleep mine eye-lids close,
- 5 Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;



Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, be - neath thine own al - might - y wings.
that with the world, my - self, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
Teach me to die, that so I may rise glo - rious at the awe - some day,
sleep that shall me more vig -'rous make to serve my God when I a - wake!
praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Silence for self-examination.

Holy and gracious God,

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.

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

Sit

PSALMODY **Psalm 95** *Spoken Responsively*

¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD;*

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

²**Let us come before his presence | with thanksgiving*
and raise a loud shout to | him with psalms.**

³For the LORD | is a great God,*

and a great King a- | bove all gods.

⁴**In his hand are the caverns | of the earth,*
and the heights of the hills | are his also.**

⁵The sea is his, | for he made it,*

and his hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us bow down and | bend the knee,*
and kneel before the | LORD our Maker.**

⁷For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep | of his hand.*

Oh, that today you would hearken | to his voice!

⁸**Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did | in the wilderness,*
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they | tempted me.**

⁹They put me | to the test,*

though they had | seen my works.

¹⁰**Forty years long I detested that genera- | tion and said,***

“**This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not | know my ways.**”

¹¹So I swore | in my wrath,*

“**They shall not enter in- | to my rest.**”

READING**Exodus 17:1-7**

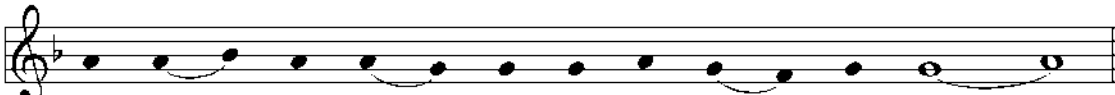
¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

*Stand***RESPNSORY**


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



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



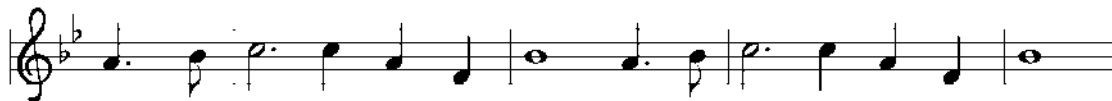
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HYMN

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (LBW 327)



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death.



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me. Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

PRAYERS

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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. Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen

Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night; we rest in surety, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER


**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**

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Leader




Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing;

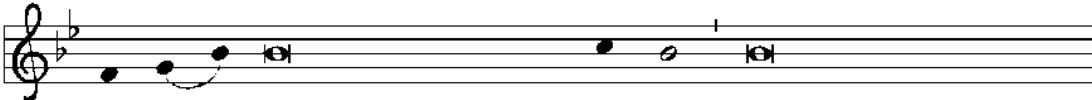


that a-wake we may watch with Christ and a-sleep we may rest in peace.

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Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.

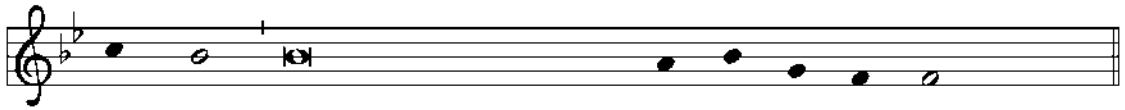


My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared



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

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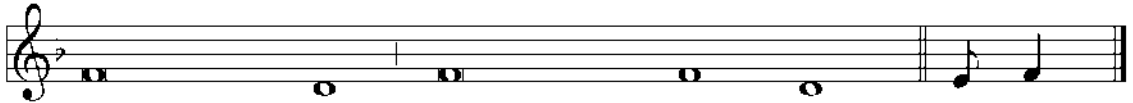


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BENEDICTION



☩ The almighty and merciful Lord, the Fa - ther, the Son, and



the Holy Spir - it, bless us and keep us. ☩ **A - men**

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