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, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

BENEDICTION The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

PRAYER AT THE CLOSE OF THE DAY (COMPLINE)

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OPENING

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last. **Amen.** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

to sing praise to your name, O Most High; to herald your love in the morning,

your truth at the close of the day.

HYMN

CONFESSION

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

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.

PSALM 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;* you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.
²"You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;* how long will you worship dumb idols and run af- | ter false gods?"
³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;* when I call upon the LORD, | he will hear me.
⁴Tremble, then, and | do not sin;* speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.
⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices,* and put your trust | in the LORD.
⁶Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see | better times!"* Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O LORD. ⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,* more than when grain and wine and | oil increase. ⁸I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep;* for only you, LORD, make me | dwell in safety.

Lord, you consoled your son in his anguish and released him from the darkness of the grave. Turn your face toward us, that we may sleep in your peace and rise in your light; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BRIEF LESSON

You are in our midst, O Lord, and you have named us as yours; do not forsake us, O Lord our God. (Jer. 14:9)

RESPONSORY

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Into your hands, I commend my spirit. You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth. Into your hands, I commend my spirit. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Into your hands, I commend my spirit.

HYMN

PRAYERS Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry. Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings. In righteousness I shall see you; when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

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.**