



## An Order for Night Prayer in Passiontide

Preparation

*The minister says,*

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who made heaven and earth.**

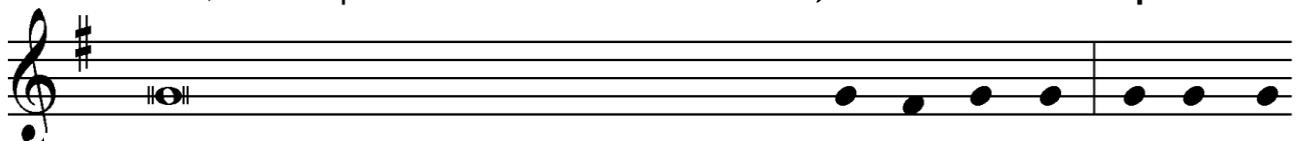
*A period of silence for reflection on the past day follows, then we say together,*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess to you,  
before the whole company of heaven and one another,  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed  
and in what we have failed to do.**

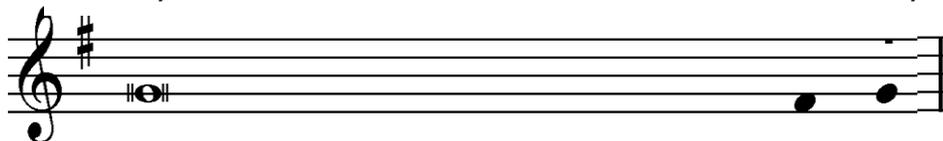
**Forgive us our sins,  
heal us by your Spirit  
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**



V. O God, make speed to save us. R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

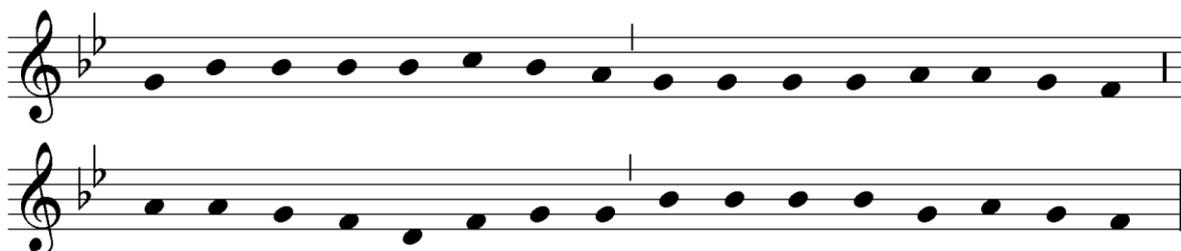


V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit. R. As it was



in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. **A - men.**

We all sing,



Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That you, with steadfast love, would keep  
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,  
From fears and terrors of the night;  
Tread underfoot our deadly foe  
That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;  
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath  
Our souls are raised to life from death.

All praise be yours, O risen Lord,  
From death to endless life restored;  
Whom, with the Father, we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore. Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody



- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and | known me; ◆  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my | thoughts from afar.
- 2 You mark out my journeys and my | resting place ◆  
and are acquainted | with all my ways.
- 3 For there is not a word on my | tongue, ◆  
but you, O Lord, know it | altogether.



- 4 You encompass me behind and be- | fore ◆ and lay your | hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful | for me, ◆ so high that I | cannot attain it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your | spirit? ◆  
Or where can I flee | from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are | there; ◆  
if I make the grave my bed, | you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the | morning ◆  
and dwell in the uttermost | parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand shall | lead me, ◆ your right | hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, 'Surely the darkness will | cover me ◆  
and the light around | me turn to night,'
- 11 Even darkness is no darkness with you, the night is as clear as the | day; ◆  
darkness and light to | you are both alike.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost | parts; ◆  
you knit me together in | my mother's womb.
- 13 I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully | made; ◆  
marvellous are your works, | my soul knows well.
- 14 My frame was not hidden | from you, ◆  
when I was made in secret and woven in the | depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my form, as yet un- | finished; ◆  
already in your book were all | my members written,
- 16 As day by day they were | fashioned ◆  
when as yet | there was none of them.
- 17 How deep are your counsels to me, O | God! ◆ How great | is the sum of them!
- 18 If I count them, they are more in number than the | sand, ◆  
and at the end, I am | still in your presence.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for | ever. Amen.

The Scripture Reading

The Responsory



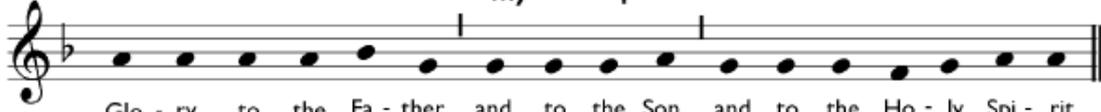
In - to your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spi - rit.  
In - to your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spi - rit.



For you have re - deemed me, Lord God of truth.



I com - mend my spi - rit.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

Repeat: **Into your hands ...**



Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye. - - - - -  
Hide me un - der the sha - dow of your wings. - - - - -

## Gospel Canticle

Christ him - self bore our sins\* in his bo - dy on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righ - teous - ness.

- 1 Now, Lord, you let your servant | go in peace: ◆  
your | word has been fulfilled.
- 2 My own eyes have seen | the salvation ◆  
which you have prepared in the sight | of every people;
- 3 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 shall be | for ever. Amen.

We then repeat **Christ himself bore our sins...**

## Prayers

*Intercessions and thanksgivings are offered.*

*Silence is kept.*

*Then the minister says,*

Almighty God,  
as we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son,  
help us to see and know your love for us,  
so that in humility, love and joy  
we may place at his feet  
all that we have and all that we are;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Visit this house, O Lord, we pray,  
drive far from it the snares of the enemy;  
may your holy angels dwell with us  
and guard us in peace  
and may your blessing be always upon us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.**

#### The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
**for the night is at hand and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning,  
**so do we look for you, O Christ.**

May God bless us,  
that in us may be found love and humility,  
obedience and thanksgiving,  
discipline, gentleness and peace.