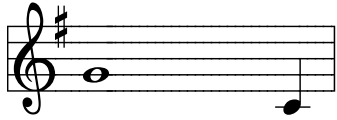


# The Service of Compline

*Let the reader begin:*



Bid, Sir, a bless-ing.

*Officiant*

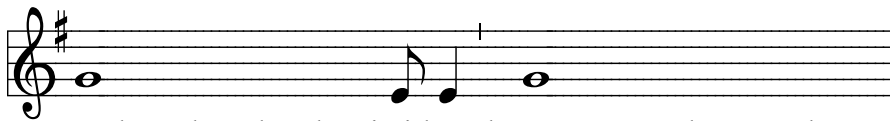


The Lord Almighty grant us a qui-et night and a per-fect end.

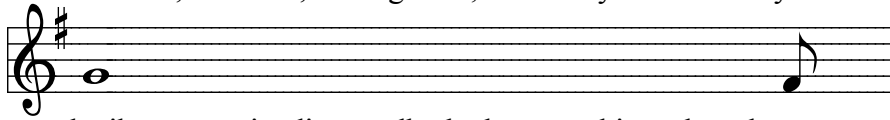


*R.* **A-men.**

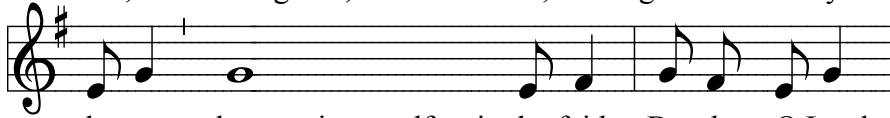
*The Officiant continues with the Short Lesson (I. St. Peter, V. 8)*



Brethren, be sober, be vi-gi-lant; because your adversary the



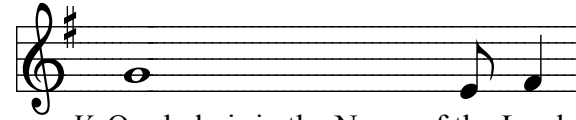
devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may



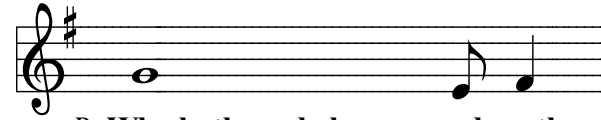
de-vour: whom resist steadfast in the faith. But thou, O Lord,



have mercy upon us. *R.* **Thanks be to God.**



*V.* Our help is in the Name of the Lord.



*R.* **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

*The Our Father is said in secret, then the Officiant makes his confession.*

*V.* I confess to God Almighty...

*R.* **God Almighty have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life.** *V.* Amen.

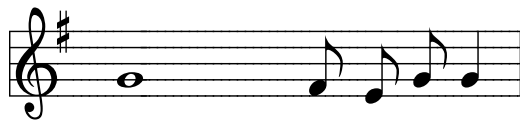
*The people then make their confession.*

***R.* I confess to God Almighty, to Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to thee, father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and thee, father, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*V.* God Almighty have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. *R.* **Amen.**

*V.* ✠ The Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins. *R.* **Amen.**

*After the Absolution shall be sung*



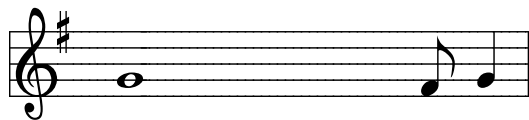
V. Turn us then, O God our Sa-  
vior.



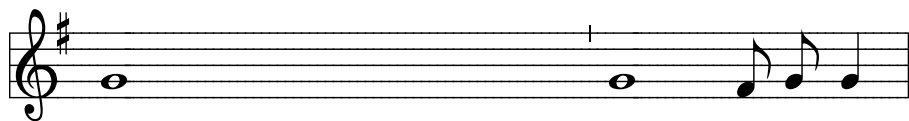
R. And let thine an-ger cease from us.



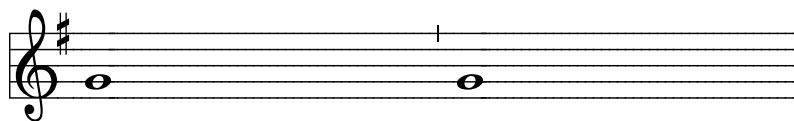
V. ☩ O God, make speed to save us.



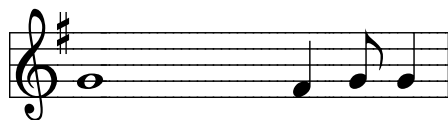
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.



V. ☩ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,



world without end. A-men.



Al - le - lu - ia.

or from Septuagesima until Maundy Thursday



Praise be to thee O Lord, King of e - ter - nal glo-ry.

The Cantor then sings the Antiphon



Have mer-cy up-on me, O Lord, and heark-en



un - to my prayer.

PSALM 4 *Cum invocarem*

*Tone VIII 1*



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 / unto 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 counten/ance 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 91 *Qui habitat*

- WHOSO dwelleth under the defense 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 de/fense 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 satis/fy 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.

PSALM 134 *Ecce nunc*

- BEHOLD now, praise the / Lord, \* all ye / servants of the Lord;
2. Ye that by night stand in the house of the / Lord, \* even in the courts of the / house of our God.
  3. Lift up your hands in the sanctu/ary, \* - / and praise the Lord.
  4. The Lord that made heaven and / earth \* give thee blessing / out of Zion.
- 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 Antiphon is repeated.* Have mercy upon me, O Lord, and hearken unto my prayer.

*Then follows the hymn* Te lucis ante terminum, *or alternatively during Lent* Christe qui lux es et dies, *St. Ambrose Hymnal #16.*



1. Be-fore the end - ing of the day, Cre - a - tor of
2. From all ill dreams de-fend our eyes, from night-ly fears
3. O Fa - ther, that we ask be done, through Je - sus Christ,



the world, we pray that with thy wont-ed fa - vor thou  
and fan - ta - sies; tread un - der foot our ghost-ly foe,  
thine on - ly Son; who, with the Ho - ly Ghost and thee,



wouldst be our guard and keep-er now.  
that no pol - lu - tion we may know.  
doth live and reign e - ter - nal - ly. A - - men.

*The Chapter is said, as follows:*



Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy



Name: leave us not, O Lord our God. **R. Thanks be to God.**

*Then follows the Short Respond:*



**V.** In-to thy hands, O Lord, I com-mend my spir-it.



**R.** In-to thy hands, O Lord, I com-mend my spir-it.



**V.** For thou hast re-deemed us, O Lord, thou God of truth.



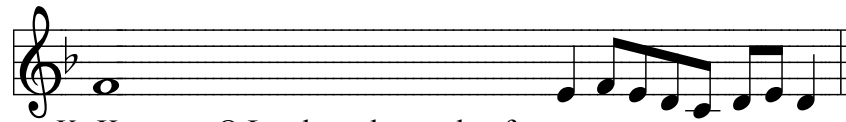
**R** I com-mend my spir-it.



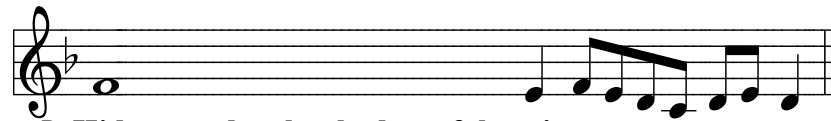
**V.** Glory be to the Fa - ther and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



**R.** In - to thy hands, O Lord, I com-mend my spir-it.



**V.** Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of an eye.



**R.** Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.

According to the monastic form of the Office, the Nunc dimittis is not sung at Compline. The Nunc dimittis is sung in the Roman form of Compline, however, and if it has not been sung previously at Vespers, it may be sung here with this antiphon.

Pre-serve us, O Lord, while wak-ing, and guard us while  
sleep-ing, that a-wake we may watch with Christ, and  
a-sleep may rest in peace. (In P.T.) Al-le - lu - ia.

**Nunc dimittis**

*Tone III B 5*

⌘ LORD, NOW lettest thou thy / servant depart in peace: \*  
accord/ing to thy word.  
- / For mine eyes have seen: \* thy / salvation.  
WHICH THOU / hast prepared: \* before the face of / all people;  
TO BE a light to / lighten the Gentiles: \* and to be the glory of thy  
peo/ple Israel.  
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  
with/out end. Amen.

The Antiphon is repeated. Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep may rest in peace. (In P.T.) Alleluia.

On Doubles and within Octaves, the officiant omits the following Preces and continues with the collect.

V. Lord, have mercy up-on us.

R. Christ, have mercy up-on us.

V. Lord, have mercy up-on us.

The Officiant and People then say together

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.**

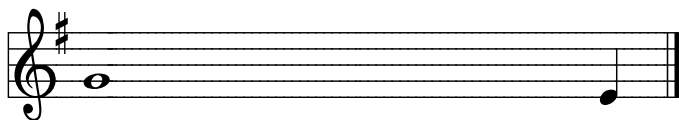
A-men.

Then all shall say **The Apostles' Creed.**

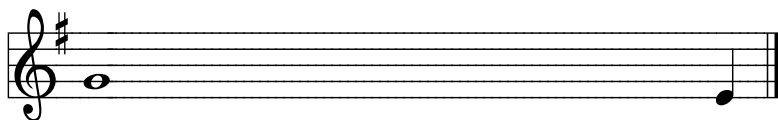
I believe in God, \* **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the 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.**



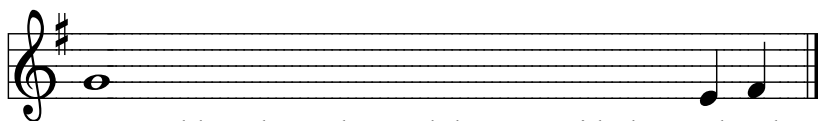
**A-men.**



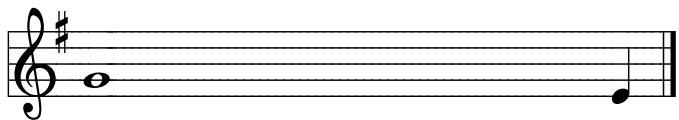
*V.* Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers.



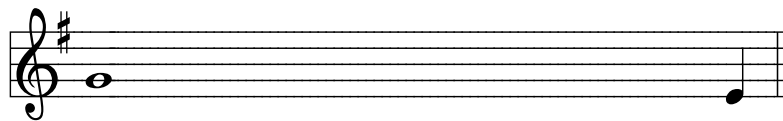
*R.* And worthy to be praised and glorious for ever.



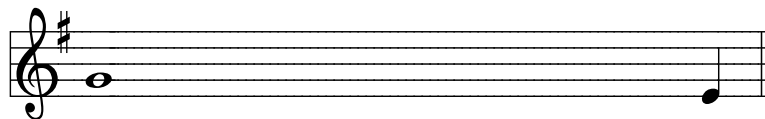
*V.* Let us bless the Father and the Son, with the Holy Ghost.



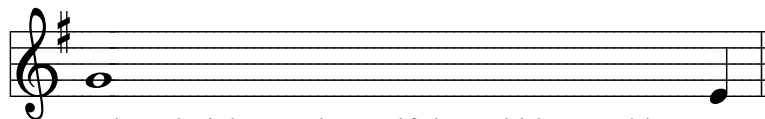
*R.* Let us praise and magnify Him for ever.



*V.* Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven.



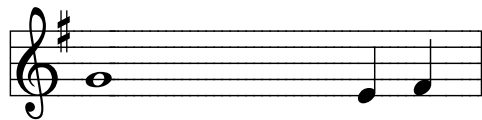
*R.* And worthy to be praised,  
and glorious, and highly exalted for ever.



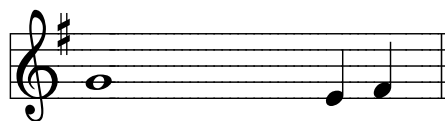
*V.* The Almighty and merciful Lord bless and keep us.



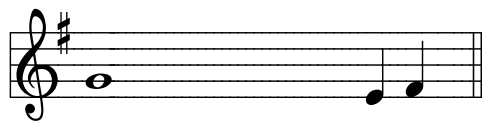
*R.* A-men.



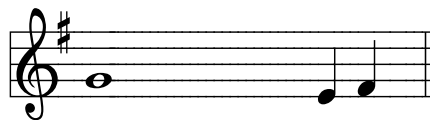
*V.* Vouchsafe, O Lord, this night.



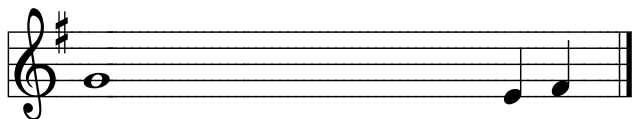
*R.* To keep us without sin.



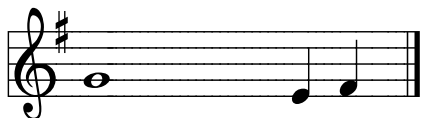
*V.* Have mercy upon us, O Lord.



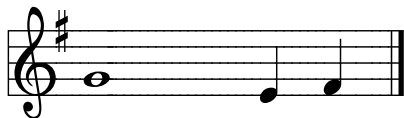
*R.* Have mercy upon us.



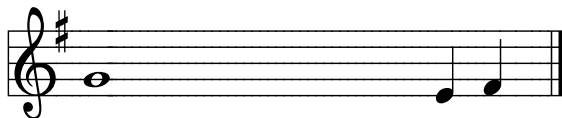
*V.* O Lord, let thy mercy lighten up-on us.



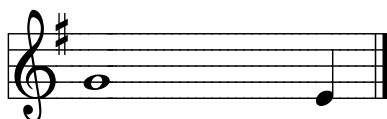
*R.* As our trust is in thee.



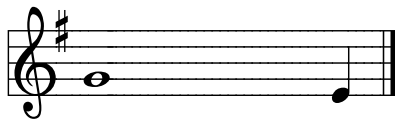
*V.* O Lord, hear our prayer.



*R.* And let our cry come un-to thee.



*V.* The Lord be with you.



*R.* And with thy spi-rit.

*V.* Let us pray: Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy: let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace: and let thy blessing be ever upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord: who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



*R.* **A-men.**

*Then follows*



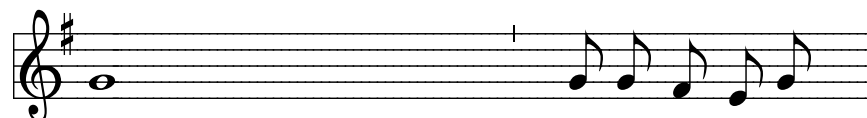
*V.* The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy Spi-rit.



*V.* Let us bless the Lord.



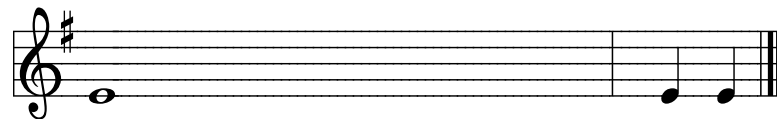
*R.* Thanks be to God.



*V.* The Almighty and mer-ci-ful God, ☩ the Fa-ther, the Son,



and the Holy Ghost, bless us and keep us. *R.* **A-men.**



*V.* The Divine help remain with us always. *R.* **A-men.**

Then follows the Anthem of the Blessed Virgin Mary according to the season.

*Advent to Presentation -*

*Gracious Mother of our Redeemer - SAH #172*

*Presentation to Wednesday of Holy Week -*

*Queen of the Heavens, we hail thee - SAH #185*

*Paschaltide -*

*O Queen of Heaven, be joyful - SAH #181*

*Trinity to Advent -*

*Mary we hail thee - SAH #177*

## Mary, We Hail Thee

Ma - ry, we hail thee, Moth - er and Queen com - pas - sion - ate;

Ma - ry our com - fort, life and hope we hail thee. To thee we ex - ile,

child - ren of Eve lift our cry - ing. To thee we are sigh - ing,

as mourn - ful and weep - ing, we pass through this vale of sor - row.

Turn thou there - fore, O our in - ter - ces - sor, those thine eyes of

pi - ty and lov - ing kind - ness up - on us sin - ners. Here - aft - er, when our

earth - ly ex - ile shall be end - ed, show us Je - sus the bless - ed fruit

of thy womb. O gen - tle, O tend - er,

O gra - cious Vir - gin Ma - ry.

*V.* Pray for us, O holy Mother / of God.

*R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises / of Christ.

*V.* Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who by the cooperation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mother Mary to become a habitation meet for thy Son; grant that as we rejoice in her commemoration, we may be delivered by her loving intercession from our present evils and from eternal death. Through the same...

*Text: Salve, Regina, Antiphon of the Blessed Virgin Mary from First Vespers of Trinity: Sunday to Advent. Ascribed to Hermannus Contractus, d. 1054. Tune: Salve, Regina, Simple Tone, Modo V, Irregular*