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# OFFICE OF COMPLINE

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Music

Plainsong

Unison

**Cantate Domino**  
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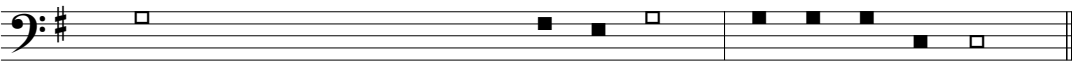
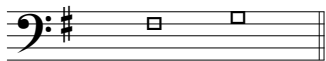
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# Office of Compline

*Minister*  *Answer* 

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

*Minister*  *Answer* 

Our help is in the name of the Lord. Who hath made hea-ven and earth.

*Kneel.*

*The Following confession is said by all.*

We confess to God Almighty, 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.

*Minister.*

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, forgive you from all your sins and deliver you from evil, confirm and strengthen in you all goodness, and bring you to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Minister*  *Answer* 

O God make speed to save us. O Lord make haste to help us.

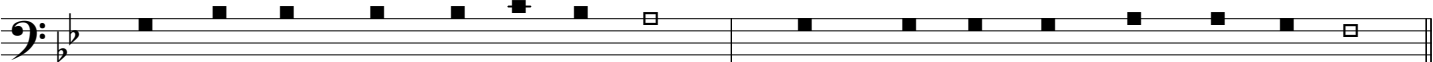
*Stand*  
*Minister*  *Answer* 

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. A-men

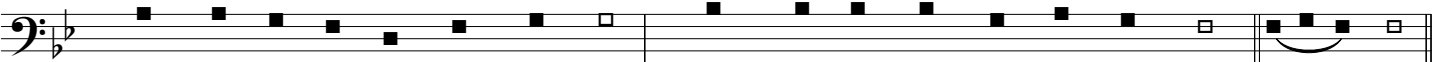
*Except during lent add:-* 

Al - le lu - ia.

*The following hymn is intoned and sung by all.*



Be - fore the end - ing of the day, Cre - a - tor of the world we pray,  
From all ill dreams de-fend our eyes, From night-ly fears and fan - ta - sies;  
O Fa - ther, that we ask be done, Through Je - sus Christ thine on - ly Son:



That with thy won-ted fa - vour thou Wouldst be our guard and keep - er now.  
Tread un - der foot our ghost - ly foe, That no pol - lu - tion we may know.  
Who with the Ho - ly Ghost and thee, Doth live and reign et - er - na - ly. A - men.





PSALM 31 *In te, Domine, speravi.*  
*Verses 1-5*

In thee O Lord, have I / put my > trust :  
let me never be put to confusion\*  
deliver me in / thy righteousness.

Bow / down thine > ear to me :  
make haste to / deliver me.

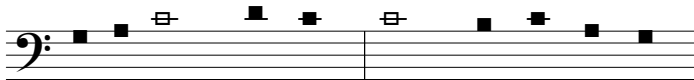
And be thou my strong rock and / house of defence :  
that thou may-/est save me.

For thou art my strong rock / and my castle :  
be thou also my guide\*  
and lead me for / thy Name's sake.

Draw me out of the net that they have laid / privi>ly for me :  
for thou / art my strength.

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.



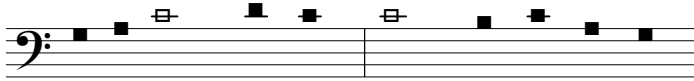
PSALM 91. *Qui habitat.*

Who-so dwelleth under the defence of the most / High :  
shall abide under the shadow of / the Al-migh-ty.

I will say unto the Lord\*  
Thou art my hope and my / strong-hold :  
my God in / him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the / hun-ter :  
and from the / noisome pestilence.

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.



PSALM 91. *Qui habitat. Continued.*

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by / night :  
nor for the arrow that / flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in / darkness :  
nor for the sickness that destroyeth / in the noonday.

A thousand shall fall beside thee\*  
and ten thousand at thy right / hand :  
but it shall / not come nigh thee.

Yea with thine eyes shalt thou be-/hold :  
and see the reward of / the ungodly.

For thou Lord art my / hope :  
thou hast set thine house of de-/fence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto / thee :  
neither shall any plague come / nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over / thee :  
to keep / thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their / hands :  
that thou hurt not thy / foot a-against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and / adder :  
the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread / under thy feet.

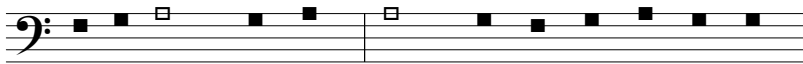
Because he hath set his love upon me\*  
therefore will I de-/liver him :  
I will set him up because / he hath known my Name.

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 honour.

With long life will I satis-/fy him :  
and shew 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 with-/out end. Amen.



PSALM 134. *Ecce nunc.*

Behold now praise / the Lord :  
 all ye / servants of the > Lord;

Ye that by night stand in the house of / the Lord :  
 even in the courts of the / house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanct-u-/a-ry :  
 ~ ~ and praise the Lord.

The Lord that made heaven / and earth :  
 give thee blessing / out of Sion.

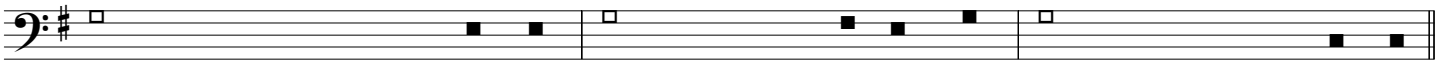
Glory be to the Father and to / the Son :  
 and / to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever / shall be :  
 world with-/out end. Amen.

*One or more of the following Lessons are recited, or some other passage of Holy Scripture.*

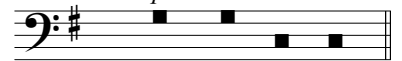
**Jeremiah 14:9.**

*Cantor.*



Thou O Lord art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name. Leave us not, O Lord our God

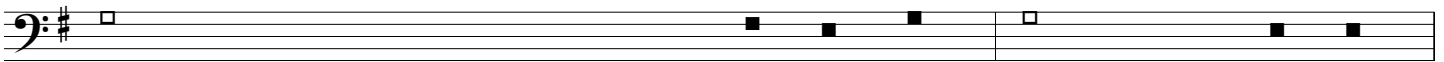
*Response.*



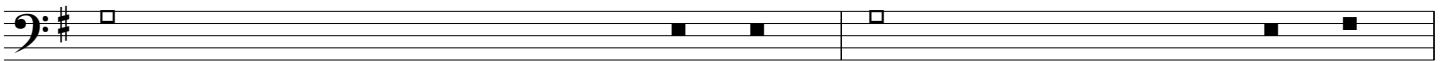
Thanks be to God

**St. Matthew 11:28-30.**

*Cantor.*



Come unto me, all ye that labour and are hea - vy laden, and I will give you rest

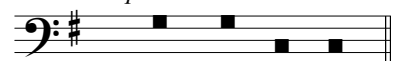


Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; For I am meek and lowly in heart



and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

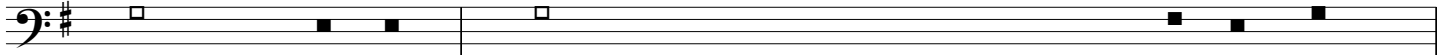
*Response.*



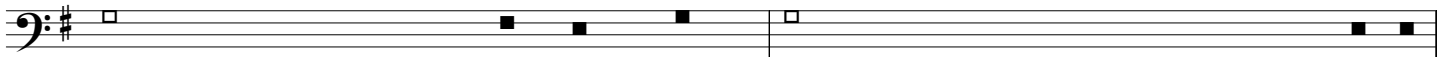
Thanks be to God

Hebrews 13:20-21.

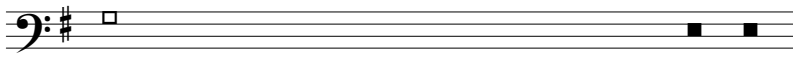
*Cantor.*



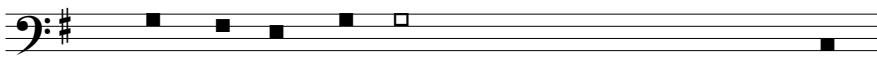
Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord  
Jesus that great shepherd of the sheep,



through the blood of the ever-last - ing covenant. make you perfect in every good work to do his will

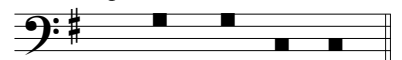


working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight



through Je - sus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

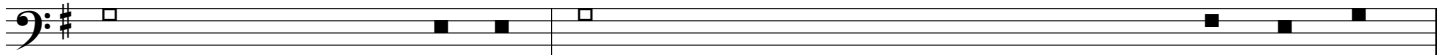
*Response.*



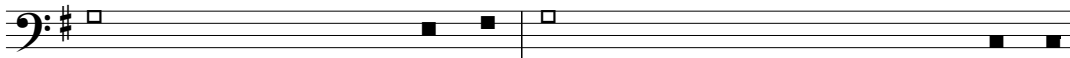
Thanks be to God

1 St. Peter 5:8-9.

*Cantor*



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 up - on us:

*Response.*



Thanks be to God

*Then shall be chanted:*

*Antiphon*



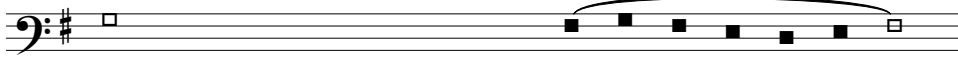
Into thy\_\_ hands O Lord, I com-mend\_\_ my\_\_ spi\_\_ - rit.\_\_

*Response.*



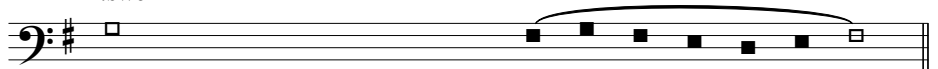
For thou hast re deem - ed me, O Lord, O God\_ of truth.

*Minister*





Keep us, O Lord as the apple of an eye: \_\_\_\_\_

*Answer*

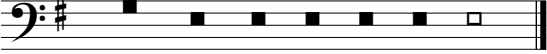


Hide us under the shadow of thy wings. \_\_\_\_\_



<p><i>Minister</i></p>  <p>Lord have mer-cy up - on us.</p>	<p><i>Answer</i></p>  <p>Christ have mer-cy up - on us.</p>
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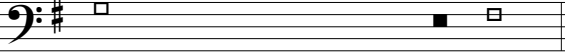
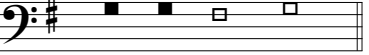
*Minister*



Lord have mer-cy up - on us.

*The following is chanted on either note E or G.*

Our Father, which (*who*) art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In (*on*) earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that (*those who*) trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

<p><i>Minister</i></p>  <p>O Lord hear our prayer.</p>	<p><i>Answer</i></p>  <p>And let our cry come un - to thee.</p>	<p><i>Minister</i></p>  <p>Let us pray. —</p>
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*Kneel.*

*One or more of the following collects shall be said. (chanted).*

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

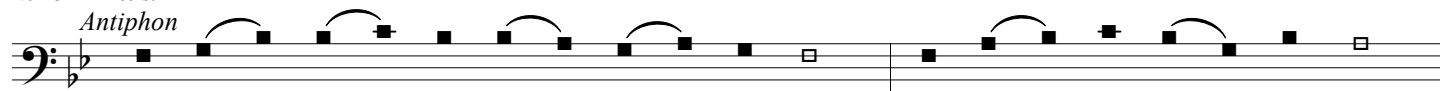
Look down, O Lord from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord this place, and drive from it all the snars 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.

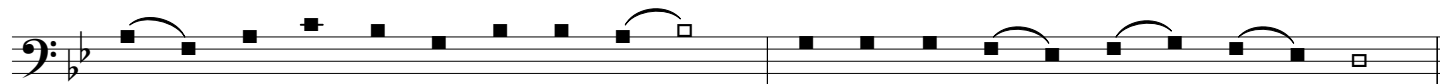
Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy lov's sake. Amen.

**Nunc Dimittis.**

*Antiphon*




Pre - serve\_ us,\_\_\_ O Lord\_ while wak-ing, and guard us while sleep-ing.

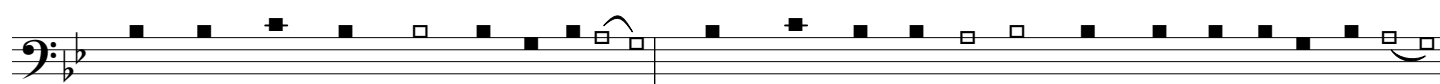


That\_ a-wake we may be with Christ and in peace may\_ take\_ our\_ reat;

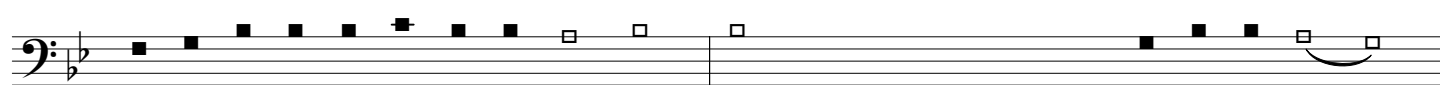
*Verse.*




Lord now letttest thou thy ser-vant depart in peace; accord-ing to thy word.\_



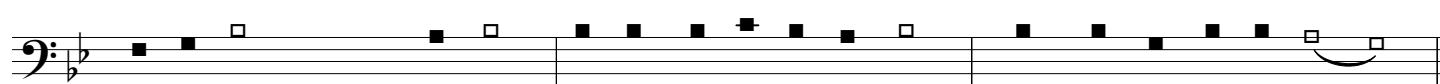
For mine eyes have seen; thy sal-va-tion. Which thou hast pre-par-ed; before the face of all peo-ple;



To be a light to light-en the Gen-tiles; and to be the glory of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. \_\_\_




Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost. \_



As it was in the be-gin-ing; is now, and ev - er shall be: world with-out end. A - men. \_


*A hymn may be sung here.*

*Minister*



Let us bless the Lord. \_\_\_

*Answer*

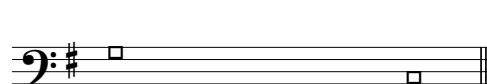


Thanks be to God. \_\_\_

*Minister*

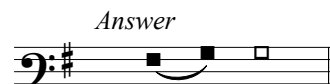


The Almighty and mer-ci - ful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,



Bless us and preserve us.

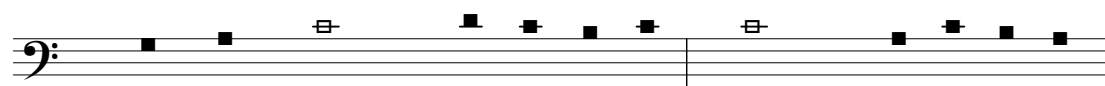
*Answer*



A \_\_\_ - men.

*Here ends the service of Compline.*

Interpretation of the ponting in this edition.



Intonation

Reciting  
Note

Mediation

Reciting  
Note

Ending

*The intonation is sung at the start of each verse one note per syllable until the reciting note is reached. (Verse 1 of Psalm 31, "In thee" are the intonation notes).*

*If there are not enough syllables the intonation may be shortened or omitted. See verse 2 - in this case it is omitted.*

*The Reciting note is sung unhurried and without drag to all syllables following the intonation and before the oblique. (Verse 1 of Psalm 31, "O Lord have I").*

*The mediation and the Ending is sung to all notes after the oblique one note per syllable unless the ponting directs otherwise. If there are not enough syllables for notes the remaining notes in the mediation or ending are omitted. If there are more syllables than notes the final note is sung until the end of the section.*

*After the Mediation there is a long pause. After the Ending there is no pause. Especially when the Psalm is sung antiphonally.*

Psalm 31

In thee O Lord, have I / put my > trust :  
let me never be put to confusion\*  
deliver me in / thy righteousness.

Bow / down thine > ear to me :  
make haste to / deliver me.

And be thou my strong rock and / house of defence :  
that thou may-/est save me.

For thou art my strong rock / and my castle :  
be thou also my guide\*  
and lead me for / thy Name's sake.

Draw me out of the net that they have laid / privi>ly for  
me :  
for thou / art my strength.

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.

POINTING

/ = The last syllable of the reciting note is before the oblique and the first syllable of the Mediation or Ending follows the oblique.

> = The same pitch is sung to the syllable after > as before. This is not a substitute for the next note(s) in the Mediation or Ending.

~ = Note to be omitted. Each ~ indicates a note to be omitted if there is more than one.

\* = Pause between the word before the \* and the one after. This is longer than the short pause.

, = Short Pause, or sometimes no pause is desired.