

*The congregation assembles in silence.*

*Kneel/Stand*

L The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C **Amen.**

L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C **to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;**

L to herald Your love in the morning,

C **Your truth at the close of the day.**

## Confession

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

*Silence for self-examination.*

L Holy and gracious God,

C **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.**

L By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.

C **Amen.**

## Reading

*Psalm 4*

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have given me relief when I was | in distress.\*

Be gracious to me and | hear my prayer!

<sup>2</sup>O men, how long shall my honor be turned | into shame?\*

How long will you love vain words and seek | after lies?

<sup>3</sup>But know that the LORD has set apart the godly | for himself;\*

the LORD hears when I | call to him.

<sup>4</sup>Be angry, and | do not sin;\*

ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be | silent.

<sup>5</sup>Offer right sacri- | fices,\*

and put your trust | in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>There are many who say, “Who will show | us some good?\*

Lift up the light of your face upon us, | O LORD!”

<sup>7</sup>You have put more joy | in my heart\*

than they have when their grain and | wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>In peace I will both lie | down and sleep;\*

for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in | safety.

## Reading

*Psalm 91*

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High\*

will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

<sup>2</sup>I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,\*

my God, in | whom I trust.”

<sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the | fowler\*

and from the deadly | pestilence.

<sup>4</sup>He will cover you with his pinions,

and under his wings you will find | refuge;\*

his faithfulness is a shield and | buckler.

<sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror | of the night,\*

nor the arrow that | flies by day,

<sup>6</sup>nor the pestilence that stalks in | darkness,\*  
 nor the destruction that wastes at | noonday.  
<sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side,  
 ten thousand at your | right hand,\*  
 but it will not come | near you.  
<sup>8</sup>You will only look | with your eyes\*  
 and see the recompense of the | wicked.  
<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—\*  
 the Most High, who is my | refuge—  
<sup>10</sup>no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\*  
 no plague come | near your tent.  
<sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels con- | cerning you\*  
 to guard you in | all your ways.  
<sup>12</sup>On their hands they will | bear you up,\*  
 lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.  
<sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the | adder;\*  
 the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.  
<sup>14</sup>“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will de- | liver him;\*  
 I will protect him, because he | knows my name.  
<sup>15</sup>When he calls to me, I will answer him;  
 I will be with him in | trouble;\*  
 I will rescue him and | honor him.  
<sup>16</sup>With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*  
 and show him my sal- | vation.”

## Reading

*Psalm 134*

<sup>1</sup>Come, bless the LORD, all you servants | of the LORD,\*  
 who stand by night in the house | of the LORD!  
<sup>2</sup>Lift up your hands to the | holy place\*  
 and | bless the LORD!  
<sup>3</sup>May the LORD bless you from | Zion,\*  
 he who made | heaven and earth!

## Office Hymn

### Readings from Holy Scripture

*One or more of the following are read.*

<sup>9</sup>Why should you be like a man confused,  
 like a mighty warrior who cannot save?  
 Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,  
 and we are called by your name;  
 do not leave us.”

*Silence for reflection.*

<sup>18</sup>Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity  
 and passing over transgression  
 for the remnant of his inheritance?  
 He does not retain his anger forever,  
 because he delights in steadfast love.  
<sup>19</sup>He will again have compassion on us;  
 he will tread our iniquities under foot.  
 You will cast all our sins  
 into the depths of the sea.

*Silence for reflection.*

<sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

*Silence for reflection.*

<sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

*Silence for reflection.*

<sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Silence for reflection.*

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

*Silence for reflection.*

## Responsory

LSB 255

- L Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.  
C **Into Your hands I commend my spirit.**  
L You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.  
C **Into Your hands I commend my spirit.**  
L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
C **Into Your hands I commend my spirit.**

*Kneel/Stand*

## Prayer

- L Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
C **listen to my cry.**
- L Keep me as the apple of Your eye;  
C **hide me in the shadow of Your wings.**
- L In righteousness I shall see You;  
C **when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.**

*One or more of the following are prayed.*

- L 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.
- L 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.
- L 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, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- L 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 on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

L Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are Yours, and to You the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

L Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 257*

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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.**

### Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 258*

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

C **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 ev'ry people:  
a light to reveal You to the nations  
and the glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory be 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

*LSB 259*

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

C **Amen.**

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