

LBW Compline (Night Prayer)

GATHERING

The congregation assembles in silence.



☐ The Lord almighty grant us a qui-et night and peace at the last. ☑ **A - men**



☐ 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

Restore In Us, O God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

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Music: BAYLOR, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

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CONFESSION

P 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.**

P By the mercy of God
we are united with Jesus Christ,
in whom we are forgiven.
We rest now in the peace of Christ
and rise in the morning to serve God and our neighbor.

PSALMODY

PSALM 51:1-13

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

⁵Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

⁶You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Silence for reflection.

PSALM PRAYER

P God of mercy, you know us better than we know ourselves, and still you love us. Wash us from all our sins, create in us clean hearts, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit that we may proclaim your praise; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BRIEF LESSON

One of the appointed lessons from the daily lectionary is read.

RESPONSORY



Ⓐ In - to your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.



Ⓑ In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



Ⓐ You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth.



Ⓑ In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



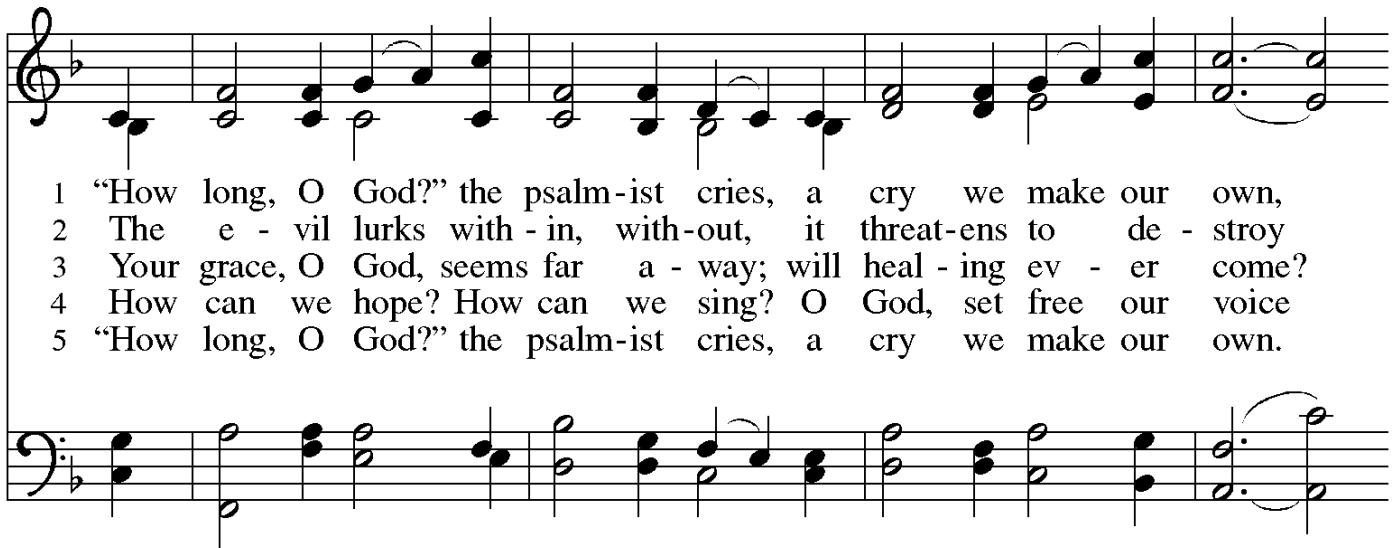
Ⓐ Glory to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.



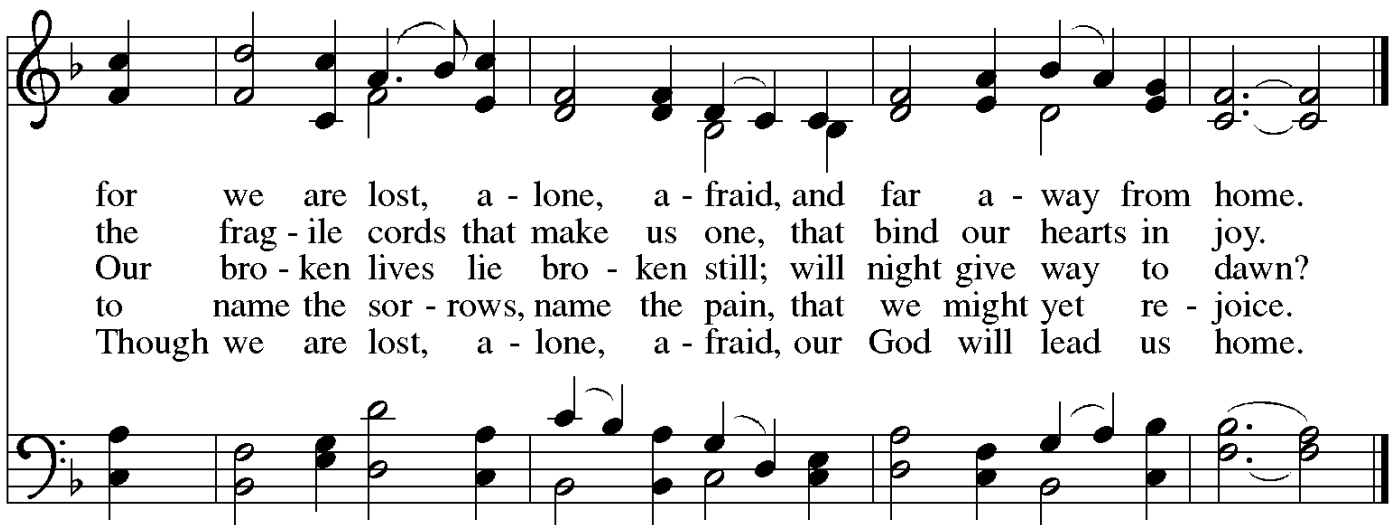
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The Hymn

How Long, O God



1 "How long, O God?" the psalm-ist cries, a cry we make our own,
2 The e - vil lurks with - in, with-out, it threat-ens to de - stroy
3 Your grace, O God, seems far a - way; will heal - ing ev - er come?
4 How can we hope? How can we sing? O God, set free our voice
5 "How long, O God?" the psalm-ist cries, a cry we make our own.



for we are lost, a - lone, a - fraid, and far a - way from home.
the frag - ile cords that make us one, that bind our hearts in joy.
Our bro - ken lives lie bro - ken still; will night give way to dawn?
to name the sor - rows, name the pain, that we might yet re - joice.
Though we are lost, a - lone, a - fraid, our God will lead us home.

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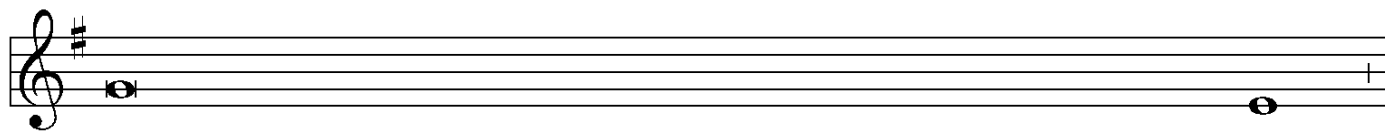
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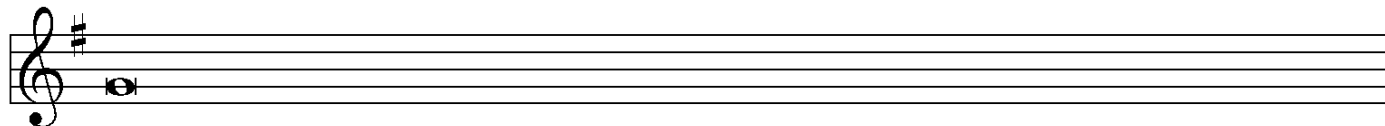
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PRAYERS

One or more of the following prayers are sung or said.



☐ 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. ☑ **A - men**

OR

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.

Amen

OR

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, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen

OR

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 upon us always, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

OR

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.

Amen

OR

Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night; we rest in surety, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

GOSPEL CANTICLE

The Gospel Canticle is sung.



☐ Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing;



that a-wake we may watch with Christ and a-sleep we may rest in peace.



☑ Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful - filled.



My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared



in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to reveal you

to the na - tions and the glory of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be- gin-ning, is now, and will be for - ev-er. A - men.

Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing;

that a-wake we may watch with Christ and a-sleep we may rest in peace.

BENEDICTION

☐ The almighty and merciful Lord, the Fa - ther, the Son, and

the Holy Spir - it, bless us and keep us. ☑ A - men

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