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Good Friday Solemn Compline

INTRODUCTION

God, + come to my assistance.
– Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
– as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Examination of Conscience

L: Coming together as God’s family, with confidence let us ask the Father’s forgiveness, for He is full of gentleness and compassion.

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

L.: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

A.: Amen.

L.: Kyrie, eleison A.: Kyrie, eleison
L.: Christe, eleison A.: Christe, eleison
L.: Kyrie, eleison A.: Kyrie, eleison

HYMN

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthy-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our Lord to earth descends now,
Our full homage to demand.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descends now
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

Tune: Picardy 87.87.87

Music: From Chansons Populaires des Provinces de France, 1860

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Text: Liturgy of Saint James, paraphrased by Gerald Moultrie, 1864, alt.

Psalm 91

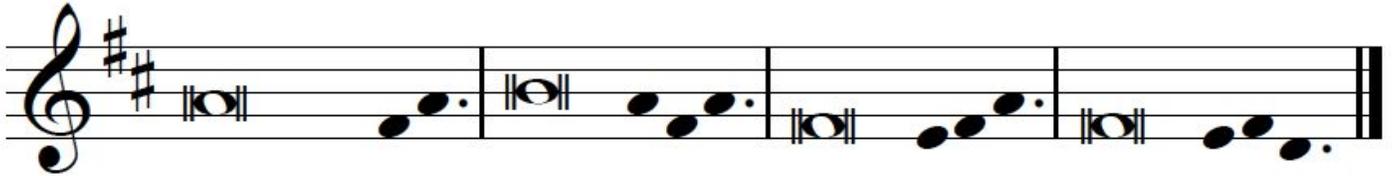
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A

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Ant.

a Night holds no terrors for me
d sleeping under God's wings.

a He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
b and abides in the shade of the Almighty
c says to the Lord: "My refuge,
d my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!"

a It is he who will free you from the snare
b of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;
c he will conceal you with his pinions
d and under his wings you will find refuge.

a You will not fear the terror of the night
b nor the arrow that flies by day,
c nor the plague that prowls in the darkness
d nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

a A thousand may fall at your side,
b ten thousand fall at your right,
c you, it will never approach;
d his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

a Your eyes have only to look
b to see how the wicked are repaid,
c you who have said: "Lord, my refuge!"
d and have made the Most High your dwelling.

a Upon you no evil shall fall,
b no plague approach where you dwell.
c For you has he commanded ed his angels,
d to keep you in all your ways.

a They shall bear you upon **their** hands
b lest you strike your foot **against** a stone.
c On the lion and the viper **you** will tread
d and trample the young lion **and** the dragon.

a Since he clings to me in love, I **will** free him;
b protect him for he **knows** my name.
c When he calls I shall answer: "**I** am with you,"
d I will save him in distress and **give** him glory.

a With length of life I will **content** him;
d I shall let him see my **saving** power.

a Glory to the Father, and to **the** Son,
b and to the **Holy** Spirit:
c as it was in the **beginning**, is now,
d and will be for **ever**. Amen.

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READING

Revelation 22:4-5

They shall see the Lord face to face and bear his name on their foreheads. The night shall be no more. They will need no light from lamps or the sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever.

In place of the responsory the following is said:

Ant. For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting even death, death on a cross.

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GOSPEL CANTICLE

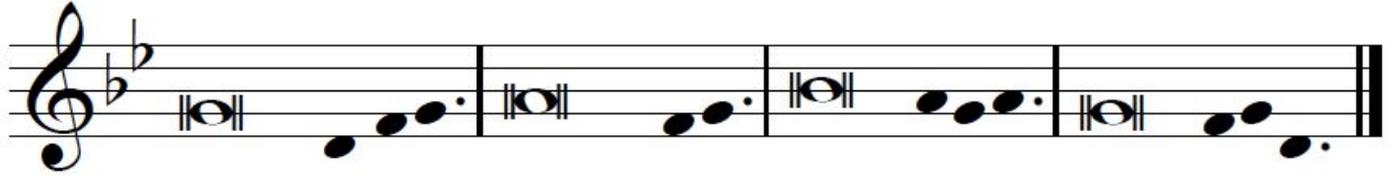
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- b** watch over us as we sleep,
- c** that awake, we may keep watch with Christ,
- d** and asleep, rest in his peace.

Canticle of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel

- a** Lord, + now you let your servant go in peace; *
- b** your word has been fulfilled:
- c** my own eyes have seen the salvation *
- d** which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

- a** a light to reveal you to the nations *
- d** and the glory of your people Israel.

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CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord,
we beg you to visit this house
and banish from it
all the deadly power of the enemy.
May your holy angels dwell here
to keep us in peace,
and may your blessing be upon us always.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
– Amen.

DISMISSAL

May the all-powerful Lord
grant us a restful night
and a peaceful death.
– Amen.

MARIAN ANTIPHON

Ave, Regina caelorum,
ave, Domina angelorum,
salve, radix, salve, porta,
ex qua mundo lux est orta.

Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
super omnes speciosa;
vale, o valde decora,
et pro nobis Christum exora.