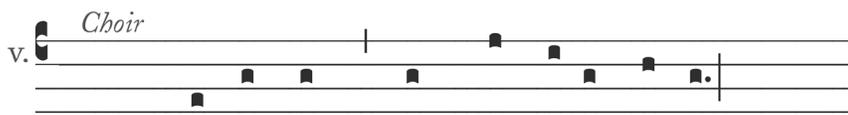


# AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE *for the* SEASON OF LENT

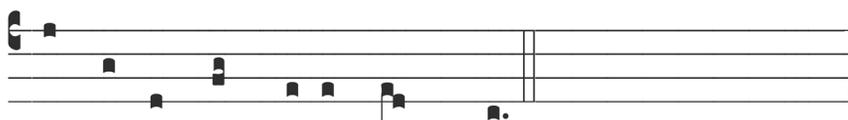
BASED ON THAT IN THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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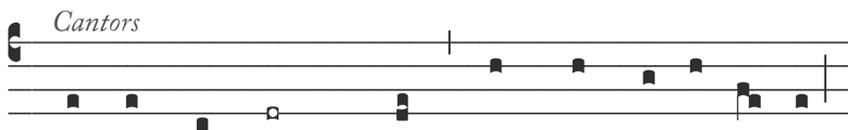
INTROIT: *Attende Domine*



**H**EAR us, O LORD, \* have mer- cy up- on us:



for we have sin- ned a- gainst thee. (*Repeat after each verse*)



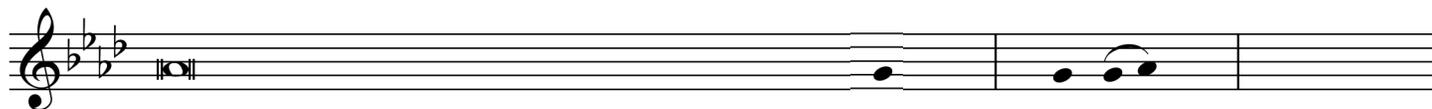
1. To thee, Re- deem- er, on thy throne of glo- ry:
2. O Thou chief Cor- ner- stone, Right Hand of the Fa- ther:
3. God, we im- plore thee, in thy glo- ry sea- ted:
4. Sins oft com- mit- ted now we lay be- fore thee:
5. In- no- cent, cap- tive, ta- ken un- re- sis- ting:



lift we our weep- ing eyes in ho- ly plead- ings:  
Way of Sal- va- tion, Gate of Life Ce- les- tial:  
bow down and hear- ken to thy weep- ing chil- dren:  
with true con- tri- tion, now no more we veil them:  
false- ly ac- cused, and for us sin- ners sen- tenced,



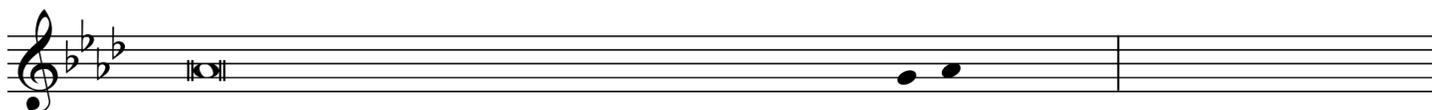
lis- ten O Je- su, to our sup- pli- ca- tions.  
cleanse thou our sin- ful souls from all de- file- ment.  
pi- ty and par- don all our griev- ous tres- pas- ses.  
grant us, Re- dee- mer, lov- ing ab- so- lu- tion.  
save us, we pray thee, Je- su our Re- dee- mer.



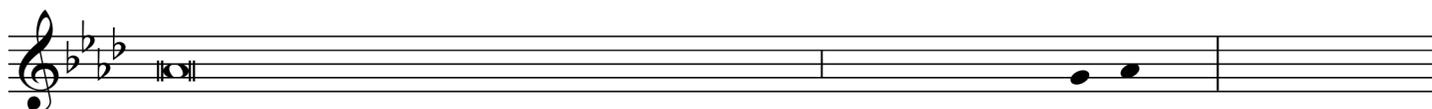
*Cantor* The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. *Full* A - men.



*Cantor* O God, make speed to save us; *Full* O Lord, make haste to help us.



*Cantor (bow)* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



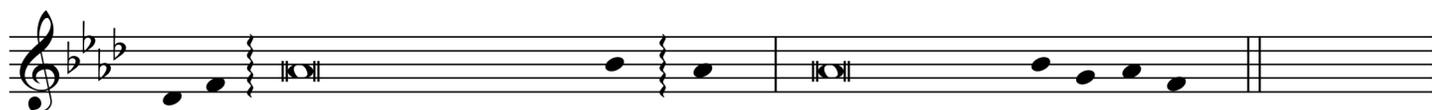
*Full* As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be; world without end. A - men.



*Cantor* Praise ye the Lord; *Full* The Lord's Name be prais - èd.

*One of the following psalms:*

Psalm 31: 1-6



*Cantor* 1. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; \*

*Cantoris* Let me never be put to confusion; deliver me in thy right-<sup>e</sup>ousness.

*Decani* 2. Bow down thine ear to me; \*

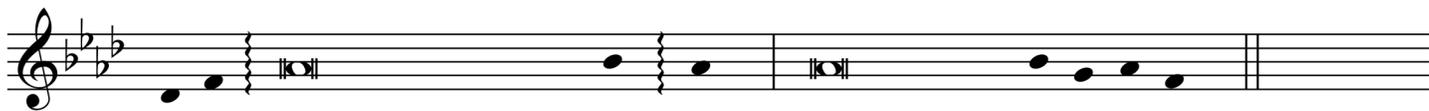
Make haste to de-li-<sup>e</sup>ver me.

*Cantoris* 3. And be thou my strong rock and house of de-fence, \*

That thou may-est save me.

*Decani* 4. For thou art my strong rock and my cas-tle: \*

Be thou also my guide and lead me for thy Name's sake.



*Cantoris* 5. Draw me out of the net that they have hidden for me; \*  
— For thou art my strength.

*Decani* 6. Into thy hands I commend my spi-rit, \*  
For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of ^truth,

*Cantoris* (*bow*) Glory be to the Father and to the Son \*  
and to the Ho-ly Ghost.

*Decani* As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, \*  
world with-out end. A-men.

#### LESSON

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

*Jeremiah 14. 9.*

*Or*

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy 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.

*St Matthew 11. 28-30.*

*Or*

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 everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*Hebrews 13. 20, 21.*

*Response* **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSES



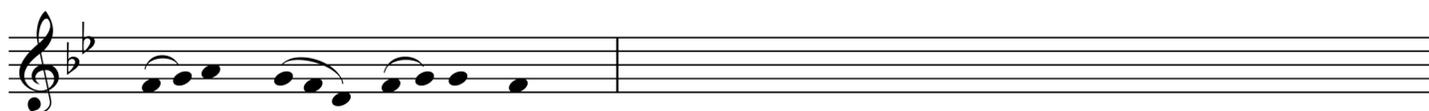
*Cantor* In - to thy hands O Lord I com - mend my spi - rit;



*Full* In - to thy hands O Lord I com - mend my spi - rit.



*Cantor* For thou hast re - deem - èd me O Lord thou God of truth;



*Full* I com - mend my spi - rit.



*Cantor (bow)* Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son; and to the Ho - ly Ghost.



*Full* In - to thy hands O Lord I com - mend my spi - rit.

HYMN: *Te lucis ante terminum*

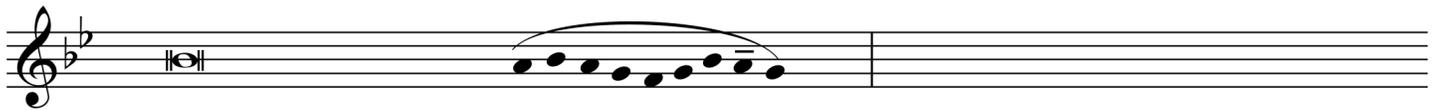


*Cantor* 1. Before the ending of the day,  
*Cantoris* Creator of~ the~ world, we pray,  
That with thy wont~ed favour thou~  
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

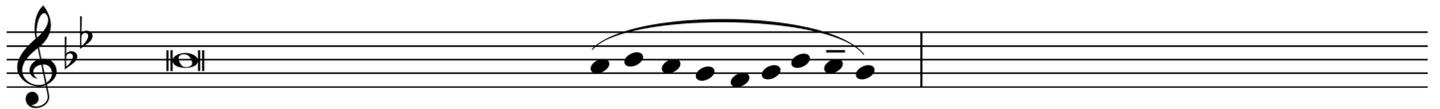
*Decani* 2. From all ill dreams defend our eyes,  
From nightly fears~ and~ fantasies;  
Tread under foot~ our ghostly foe~,  
That no pollution we may know.

*Full* 3. O Father, that we ask be done,  
Through Jesus Christ~, thine~ only Son;  
Who with the Ho~ly Ghost and thee~  
Doth live and reign eternally. A~men~.

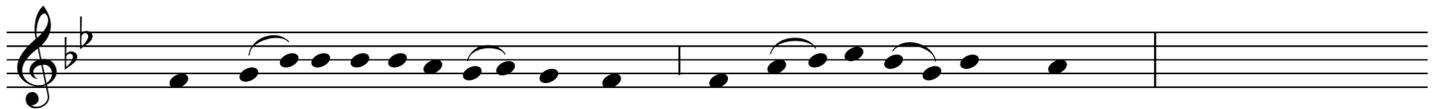
### ANTIPHON & NUNC DIMITTUS



*Cantor* Keep us as the apple of an eye;



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



Pre - serve us O Lord while wa - king, and guard us while sleep - ing;



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



*Cantor* LORD NOW LET-test thou thy servant de-part in peace; \*

*Decani* According to thy word.

*Cantor* FOR MINE EYES have seen thy sal-va^tion; \*

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peo-ple.



*Decani* TO BE A light to light-en the Gen-tiles:\*  
And to be the glory of thy peo-ple Is-ra^el

*Cantor* (*bow*) GLORY BE to the Father and to the Son: \*  
And to the Ho-ly^Ghost.

*Decani* AS IT WAS in the beginning, is now, and e-ver shall be: \*  
World without end. A-men.

*Full* Preserve us... (*as above*)

APOSTLES CREED *Stand, if desired.*

*People* **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. Amen**

## RESPONSES & LORD'S PRAYER

*Cantor* Let us pray. (*kneel or sit, as desired.*) Lord have mercy up - on us.

*Full* Christ have mercy up - on us. *Cantor* Lord have mercy up - on us.

*All*            **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. Amen.**

*Officiant*        Blessed art thou, Lord God of our forebears;

*People*            **To be praised and glorified above all forever.**

*Officiant*        Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

*People*            **Let us praise and magnify God for ever.**

*Officiant*        Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;

*People*            **To be praised and glorified above all for ever.**

*Officiant*        The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and bless us.

*People*            **Amen.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*All*                **We confess to Almighty God, 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.**

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

*Officiant* May the Almighty and most merciful Lord grant unto us pardon and remission of all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

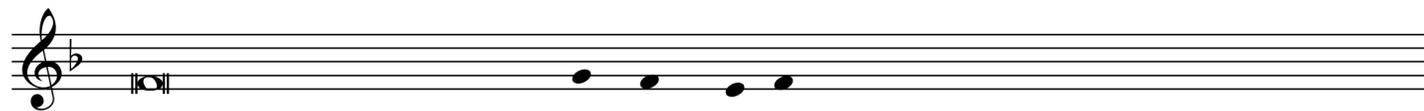
*People* **Amen.**



*Cantor* Wilt thou not turn again and quick - en us; *Full* That thy people may re - joice in thee?



*Cantor* O Lord show thy mer - cy u - pon us; *Full* And grant us thy sal - va - tion.



*Cantor* Vouchsafe O Lord to keep us this night with - out sin;



*Full* O Lord have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



*Cantor* O Lord, hear our prayer; *Full* And let our cry come un - to thee.

#### COLLECTS



*Response:* A - men.

*Collect(s) for the Day, followed by:*

*Collect for Protection*

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

*Collect for Aid against all Perils*

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

PRAYERS & FINAL RESPONSES

“Night Prayer” – from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*

Lord,  
it is night.

The night is for stillness.  
Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.  
What has been done has been done;  
what has not been done has not been done;  
let it be.

The night is dark.  
Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives  
rest in you.

The night is quiet.  
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,  
all dear to us,  
and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.  
Let us look expectantly to a new day,  
new joys,  
new possibilities.

In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

*Officiant* For the peace of the whole world:  
*People* **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* For those who are weary, sleepless or depressed:  
*People* **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* For those who are hungry, sick or frightened:  
*People* **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* For rest and refreshment  
*People* **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

*One or more of the following prayers may be said:*

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.**

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.**



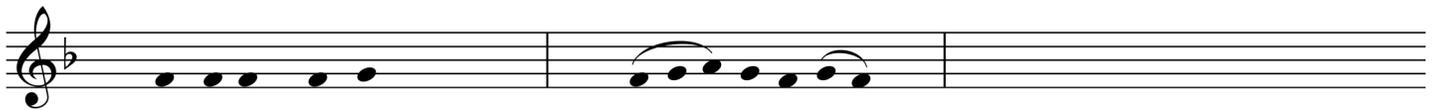
*Cantor* We will lay us down in peace and take our rest;



*Full* For it is thou Lord only that makest us dwell in safe - ty.



*Cantor* The Lord be with you; *Full* And with thy spi - rit.



*Cantor* Let us bless the Lord; *Full* Thanks be to God.

FINAL RESPONSES *Sit, if desired.*

*Officiant* The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and preserve us.

*People* **Amen.**

*Bell* x 3.