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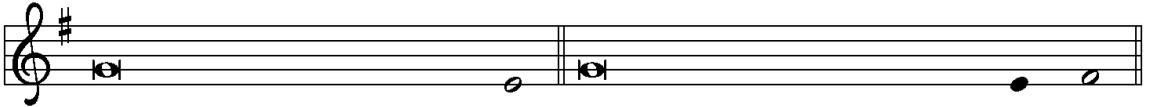
# OPENING



Almighty God 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.**

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## Night Hymn

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All praise to you  
My God this night,  
For all the blessings  
Of the light.

Keep me, oh keep me,  
Holy One,  
And hold me close  
As day is done.

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

Holy and gracious God,

**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.**

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.

Lenten Devotional, March 28  
Amanda Lindamood

*I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in God's word I put my hope.  
Psalm 130:5*

When I left for college, I imagined a semi-permanent move. Who I was at 17 needed a relocation. My final weeks of college and early transition months included three sudden deaths, an engagement, a broken engagement, a wedding, a birth, a move, a job, more than one hospitalization, emerging and lasting responsibilities. Amidst that unraveling I found my life planted in a community and place I had intentionally left. I found that there was work I couldn't do from anywhere else, internal work, relational work, bodily work.

When I hear the psalmist write, "my whole being waits", I know what that feels like. I know the faith that circumstances and timing refine, and have refined in me. These Scriptures tell us of a God who is sovereign, a God who allows suffering, and a God who is ultimately moved to redeem and gather the entire world back to wellbeing. These Scriptures point to Jesus blessing the whole world, even as he ascends.

Beyond saying that there is a season for everything, this Scripture says only that **there is everything**. There is great joy, there are tremendous losses, there are inheritances, there is refuge, there is a future, there is all that has been promised.

When we remember that we are witnesses to Jesus, we must remember that we have been offered everything that Jesus can experience. Internally. Relationally. Bodily.

*Holy One, you have often spoken more plainly to us than we confess. You have many times named exactly what we can expect, and that has been hard to bear. Enable us to receive the good gift of our faith formation, and the places we must return to where that will occur. Embed in us the memory of your promises, and your essence, and our own.*

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.

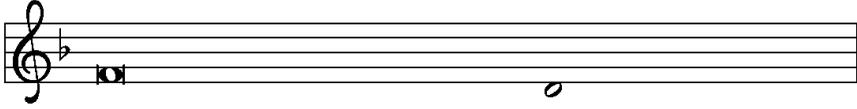
Glory to the Cre - a - tor and to the Christ, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

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

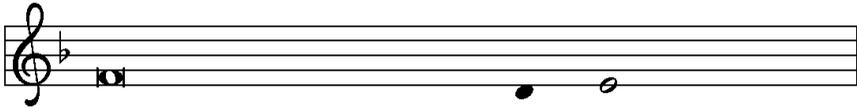
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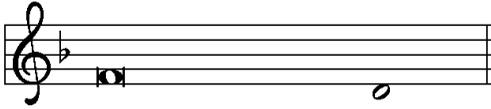
Hear my prayer, O Lord; **listen to my cry.**



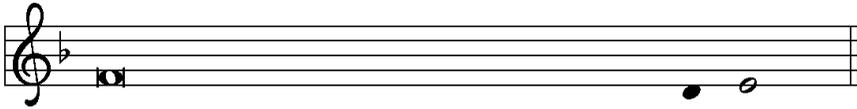
Keep me as the apple of your eye;



**hide me in the shadow of your wings.**



In hope I shall see you;



**when I awake, your presence will give me joy.**

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

**Amen.**



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,



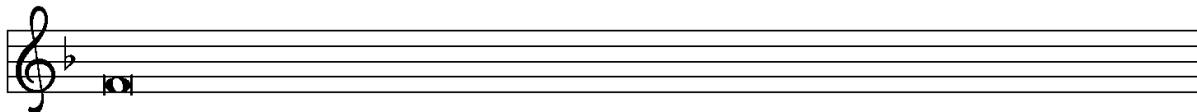
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

# BLESSING

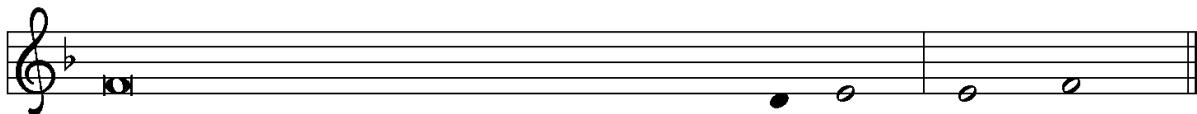


Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



Almighty and merciful God, Creator, + Christ, and Holy Spirit,



bles, preserve, and keep us, this night and forev-er - more.

**A - men.**