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Prayer at the Close of the Day

(LSB 253)

EASTER 4 MIDWEEK

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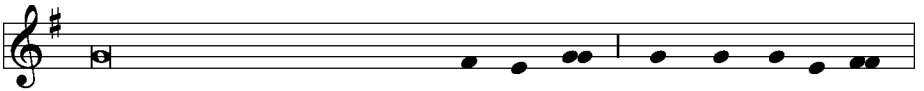
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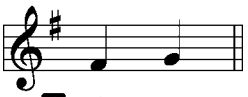
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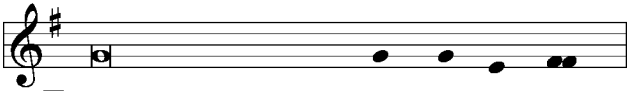
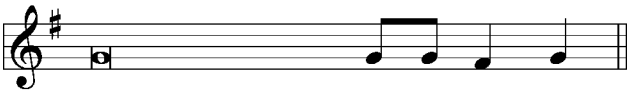
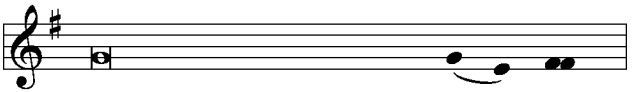


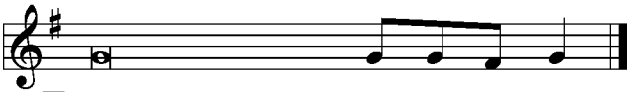
L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



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



L to herald Your love in the morn - ing,



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.

L I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

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C Amen.

PSALMODY *Psalm 4:1–8 (antiphon: v. 7)*

*You have put more joy | in my heart**
than they have when their grain and | wine abound.

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!

O men, how long shall my honor be turned | into shame?*
How long will you love vain words and seek | after lies?

But know that the Lord has set apart the godly | for himself;*
the Lord hears when I | call to him.

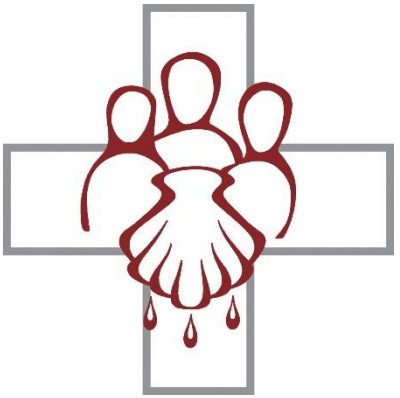
Be angry, and | do not sin;*
ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be | silent.

Offer right sacri- | fices,*
and put your trust | in the Lord.

There are many who say, "Who will show | us some good?*
Lift up the light of your face upon us, | O Lord!"

You have put more joy | in my heart*
than they have when their grain and | wine abound.

In peace I will both lie | down and sleep;*
for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in | safety.



Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*You have put more joy | in my heart**
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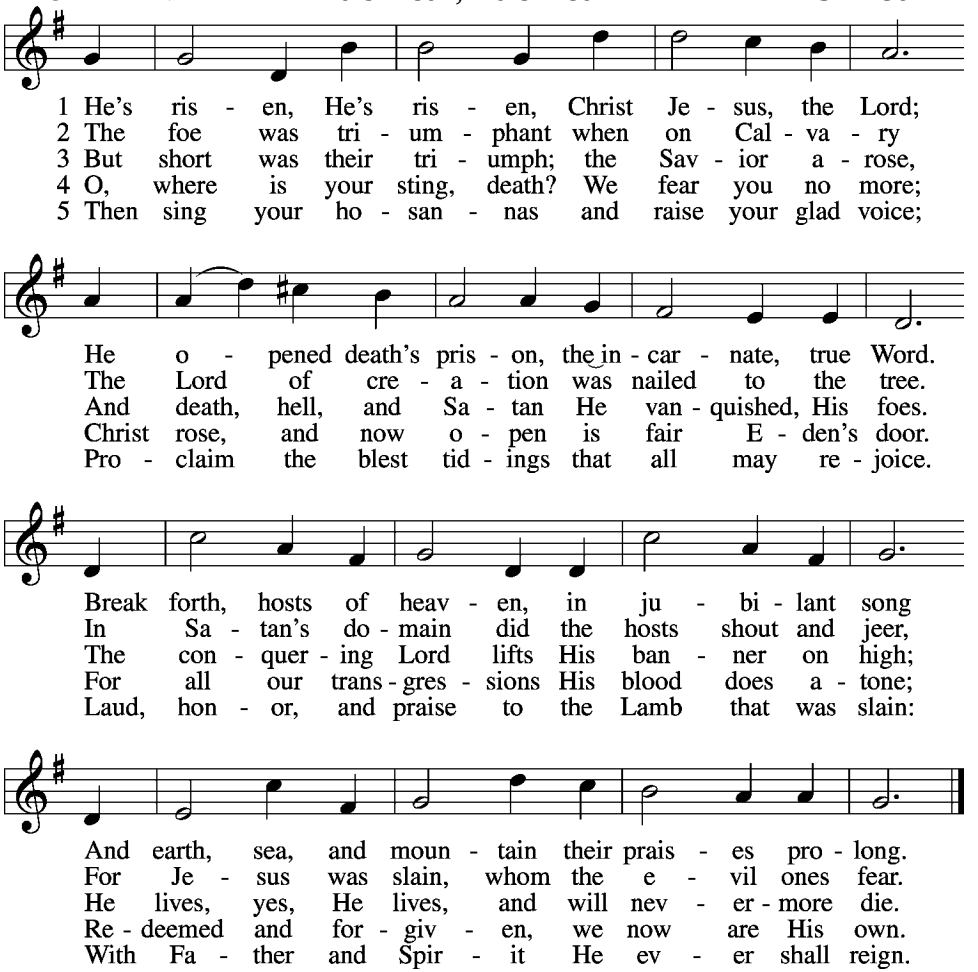
OFFICE HYMN *He's Risen, He's Risen* LSB 480

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

One or more of the following are read.

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by Your name; do not leave us. (*Jeremiah 14:9*)

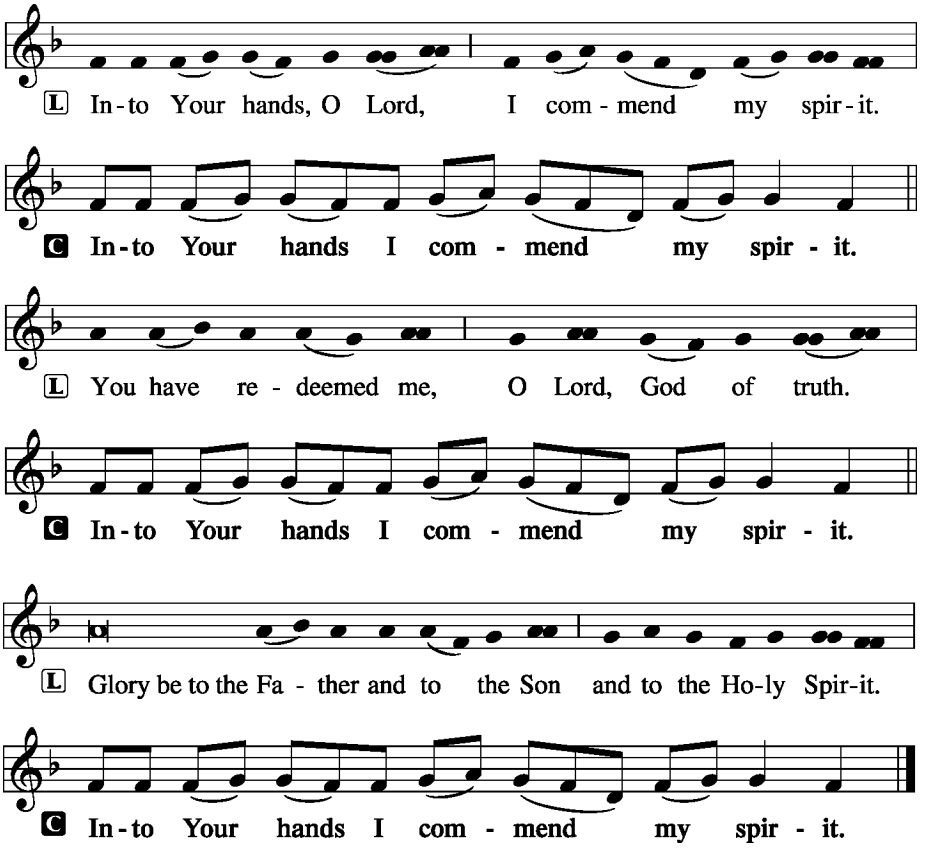
Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. (*Micah 7:18-19*)

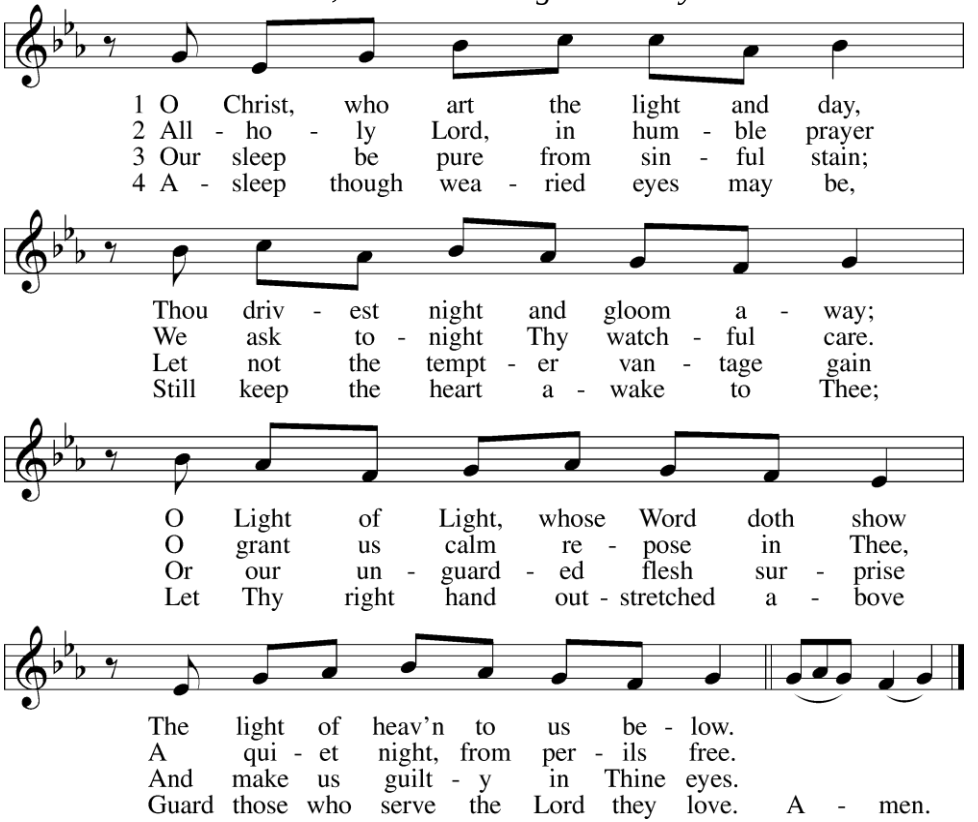
Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light. (*Matthew 11:28-30*)

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. (*John 14:27*)

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 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. (*Romans 8:38-39*)

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. (*1 Peter 5:5-9a*)

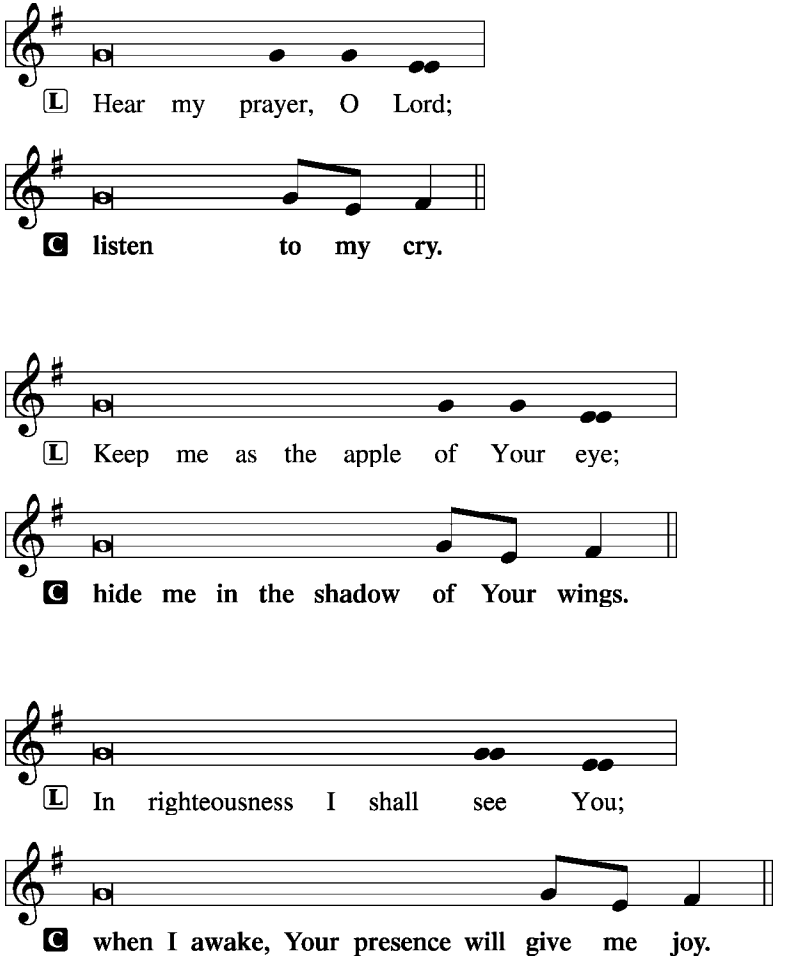
RESPONSORY

HYMN *O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day* LSB 882



5 Behold, O God, our shield, and quell
The crafts and subtleties of hell;
Direct Thy servants in all good,
Whom Thou hast purchased with Thy blood.

6 O Lord, remember us who bear
The burden of the flesh we wear;
Thou who dost e'er our souls defend,
Be with us even to the end.

7 All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee,
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore. Amen.

PRAYER

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 other with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

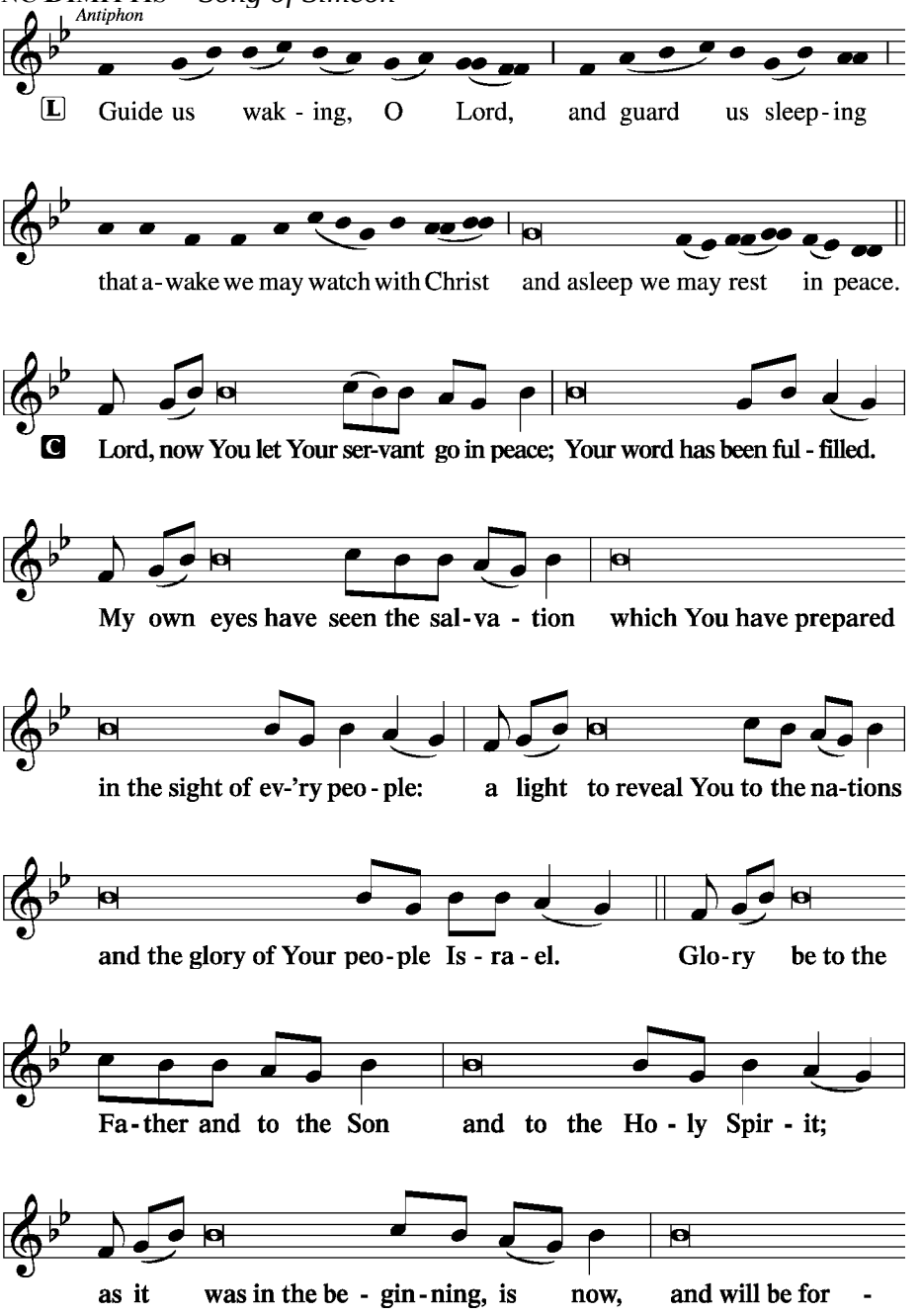
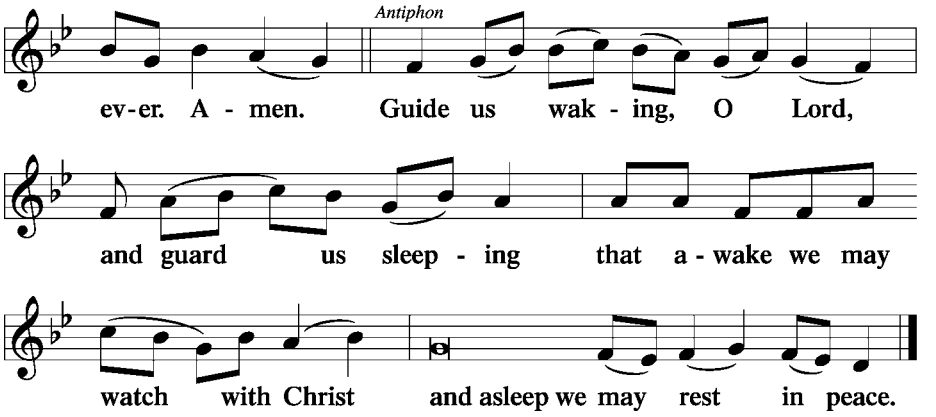
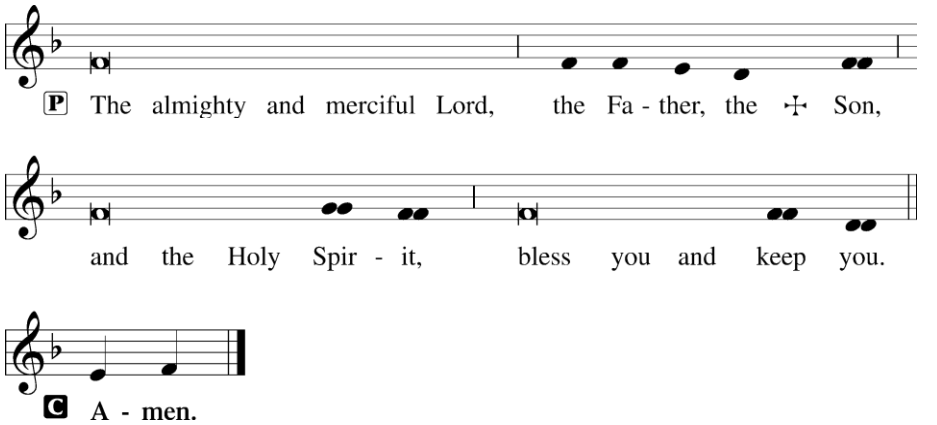
L Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and 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

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 ~ *Song of Simeon*



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