

## BLESSING

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

## ANTIPHON

In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now  
and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

Ave, María, grátia plena,  
Dóminus tecum.  
Benedicta tu in muliéribus,  
et benedíctus fructus ventris tui,  
Iesus.

Sancta María, Mater Dei,  
ora pro nobis peccatoribus  
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.

Amen.

## SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER *in* ORDINARY TIME



## INTROIT

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 forever. Amen.

## HYMN

All praise to Thee, my God, this night,  
For all the blessings of the light!  
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,  
Beneath Thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,  
The ill that I this day have done,  
That with the world, myself, and Thee,  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread  
The grave as little as my bed.  
Teach me to die, that so I may  
Rise glorious at the judgment day.

O may my soul on Thee repose,  
And with sweet sleep mine eyelids close,  
Sleep that may me more vigorous make  
To serve my God when I awake.

## PSALMODY

### Psalm 4: Thanksgiving

The resurrection of Christ was God's supreme and wholly marvelous work (St. Augustine).

#### **Antiphon 1: Have mercy, Lord, and hear my prayer.**

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

O men, how long will your hearts be closed,  
will you love what is futile and seek what is false?

It is the Lord who grants favors to those whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

Fear him; do not sin: ponder on your bed and be still.  
Make justice your sacrifice, and trust in the Lord.

"What can bring us happiness?" many say.  
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord.

You have put into my heart a greater joy  
than they have from abundance of corn and new wine.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

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.

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### Psalm 134: Evening Prayer in the Temple

Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great (Revelation 19:5).

#### **Antiphon 2: In the silent hours of night, bless the Lord.**

O come, bless the Lord,  
all you who serve the Lord,  
who stand in the house of the Lord,  
in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands to the holy place  
and bless the Lord through the night.

May the Lord bless you from Zion,  
he who made both heaven and earth.

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.

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## READING

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today. Drill them into your children. Speak of them at home and abroad, whether you are busy or at rest.

## RESPONSORY

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.  
— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.  
— I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

## GOSPEL CANTICLE

Luke 2:29-32: Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel

**Antiphon: Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.**

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;  
your word has been fulfilled:

my own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

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

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.

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## CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord,  
be with us throughout this night.  
When day comes may we rise from sleep  
to rejoice in the resurrection of your Christ,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
— Amen.