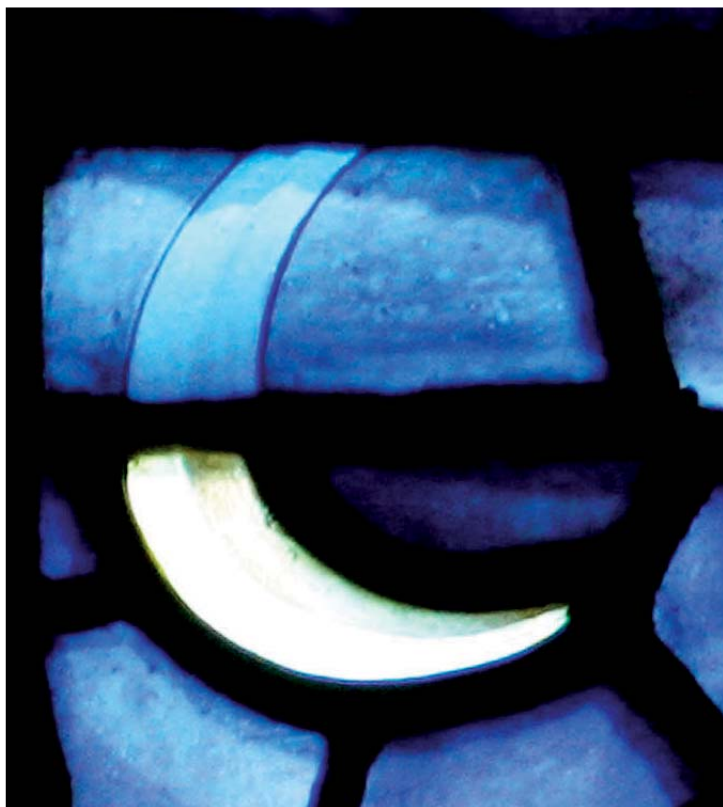
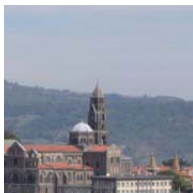


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Night Prayer





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Form I

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and against your creation.
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and to hold in reverence
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OSB West Malling

○ God, make speed to save us.
○ Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory to God, Source of all being,
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as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

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Ordinary Time Doxology

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The Word of God

THE PSALMODY

PSALM 104. 1, 21-33

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
- 2 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, *
and the sun knows the time for its setting.
- 3 You make darkness that it may be night, *
in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth.
- 4 The lions roar for their prey *
and seek their food from God.
- 5 The sun rises and they are gone *
to lay themselves down in their dens.

- 6 People go forth to their work *
and to their labour until the evening.
- 7 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 8 There is the sea, spread far and wide, *
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.
- 9 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan *
which you have made to play in the deep.
- 10 All of these look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
- 11 When you give it them, they gather it; *
you open your hand and they are filled with good.
- 12 When you hide your face they are troubled; *
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to the dust.
- 13 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, *
and you renew the face of the earth.
- 14 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in his works.

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THE READING

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us and we are called by your name;
leave us not, O Lord our God.

Jeremiah 14. 9

THE RESPONSORY *may be said.*

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

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

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

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Luke 2.29-32

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THE REFLECTION

THE PRAYERS

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

THE COLLECT

Lighten our darkness,
Lord, we pray;
and in your mercy defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of your only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE CONCLUSION

In peace, we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night-watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

[Come with the dawning of the day
**and make yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.]**

**May the risen Lord Jesus bless us.
May he watch over us and renew us
as he renews the whole of creation.
May our hearts and lives echo his love. Amen.**

A MARIAN ANTHEM *(page 40) may be sung.*

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THE WORD OF GOD

THE PSALMODY Psalm 86

- 1 Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Preserve my soul, for I am faithful; *
save your servant, for I put my trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, Lord, are good and forgiving, *
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer *
and listen to the voice of my supplication.
- 7 In the day of my distress I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.

- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, *
nor any works like yours.
- 9 All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, *
and shall glorify your name.
- 10 For you are great and do wonderful things; *
you alone are God.
- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you, that I may fear your name.
- 12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your name for evermore;
- 13 For great is your steadfast love towards me, *
for you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave.
- 14 O God, the proud rise up against me
and a ruthless horde seek after my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.
- 15 But you, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and full of kindness and truth.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy on me; *
give your strength to your servant
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a token of your favour,
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me.

Glory to God . . .

THE READING

Thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: in returning and rest
you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

Isaiah 30.15

THE RESPONSORY *may be said.*

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

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.
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Glory to the Father and to the Son
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THE REFLECTION

THE PRAYERS

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

THE COLLECT

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 rest upon your eternal changelessness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE CONCLUSION

In peace, we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night-watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

[Come with the dawning of the day
**and make yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.]**

**The Lord bless us and watch over us,
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and be gracious to us,
the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace. Amen.**

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THE WORD OF GOD

THE PSALMODY Psalm 143. 1-11

- 1 Hear my prayer, O Lord,
and in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications; *
answer me in your righteousness.
- 2 Enter not into judgement with your servant, *
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.
- 3 For the enemy has pursued me,
crushing my life to the ground, *
making me sit in darkness like those long dead.
- 4 My spirit faints within me; *
my heart within me is desolate.
- 5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; *
I consider the works of your hands.

- 6 I stretch out my hands to you; *
my soul gasps for you like a thirsty land.
- 7 O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; *
hide not your face from me
lest I be like those who go down to the Pit.
- 8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,
for in you I put my trust; *
show me the way I should walk in,
for I lift up my soul to you.
- 9 Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies, *
for I flee to you for refuge.
- 10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; *
let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.
- 11 Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake; *
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

Glory to God . . .

THE READING

Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Matthew 11.28-30

THE RESPONSORY *may be said.*

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

**Into your hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.**

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
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Luke 2.29-32

Glory to God . . .

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THE REFLECTION

THE PRAYERS

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

THE COLLECT

Look down, O God,
from your heavenly throne,
illuminate the darkness of this night
with your celestial brightness,
and from the children of light
banish the deeds of darkness;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

THE CONCLUSION

In peace, we will lie down and sleep;
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Lord Jesus, King of heaven and earth:

We praise you for your virgin birth;

You are the Father's only Son,

With God the Spirit, ever one. Amen.

The Word of God

THE PSALMODY Psalm 31. 1-5, 19-24

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my stronghold; *
guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.
- 4 Take me out of the net
that they have laid secretly for me, *
for you are my strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.
- 6 How abundant is your goodness, O Lord,
which you have laid up for those who fear you; *
which you have prepared in the sight of all
for those who put their trust in you.
- 7 You hide them in the shelter of your presence
from those who slander them; *
you keep them safe in your refuge from the strife of tongues.
- 8 Blessèd be the Lord! *
For he has shown me his steadfast love
when I was as a city besieged.

- 9 I had said in my alarm,
‘I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes.’*
Nevertheless, you heard the voice of my prayer
when I cried out to you.
- 10 Love the Lord, all you his servants; *
for the Lord protects the faithful,
but repays to the full the proud.
- 11 Be strong and let your heart take courage, *
all you who wait in hope for the Lord.

Glory to God . . .

THE READING:.

Either, for Corpus Christi

In him was life and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.

John 1. 4-5

or, for the Visitation:

Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word’.

Luke 1.38a

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THE REFLECTION

THE PRAYERS

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THE COLLECT

for Corpus Christi and the Visitation:

We give you thanks, O God,
for the gift to the world of our Redeemer;
as we sing your glory at the close of this day,
so may we know his presence in our hearts,
who is our Saviour and our Lord,
now and for ever.

Amen.

THE CONCLUSION

In peace, we will lie down and sleep;
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Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

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[Come with the dawning of the day
and make yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.]

May the love of the **Word** made flesh enfold us,
his joy fill our lives,
his peace be in our hearts;
and the blessing of **God** be with us
this night and always. **Amen.**

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THE WORD OF GOD

THE PSALMODY Psalm 139. 1-18

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You encompass me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, *
so high that I cannot attain it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your spirit? *
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand shall lead me, *
your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me *
and the light around me turn to night,'
- 11 Even darkness is no darkness with you;
the night is as clear as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; *
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.
- 14 My frame was not hidden from you, *
when I was made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished; *
already in your book were all my members written,
- 16 As day by day they were fashioned *
when as yet there was none of them.
- 17 How deep are your counsels to me, O God! *
How great is the sum of them!
- 18 If I count them, they are more in number than the sand, *
and at the end, I am still in your presence.

Glory to God . . .

THE READING

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

1 Thessalonians 5. 9,10

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- Luke 2. 29-32*

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THE REFLECTION

THE PRAYERS

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THE COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
who at this evening hour lay in the tomb
and so hallowed the grave
to be a bed of hope
for all who put their trust in you:
give us such sorrow for our sins,
which were the cause of your passion,
that, when our bodies lie in the dust,
our souls may live with you for ever.

Amen.

THE CONCLUSION

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**May God's love surround us,
God's joy fill our lives,
God's peace be in our hearts,
and God's blessing be with us
this night and always. Amen.**

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THE WORD OF GOD

THE PSALMODY Psalm 91

- 1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High *
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
- 2 Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold, *
my God, in whom I put my trust.'
- 3 For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler *
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his wings
and you shall be safe under his feathers; *
his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, *
nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.

- 7 Though a thousand fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand,*
yet it shall not come near you.
- 8 Your eyes have only to behold*
to see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge*
and the Most High your stronghold,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you,*
neither shall any plague come near your tent.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you,*
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands,*
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder;*
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
- 14 Because they have set their love upon me,
therefore will I deliver them;*
I will lift them up, because they know my name.
- 15 They will call upon me and I will answer them;*
I am with them in trouble,
I will deliver them and bring them to honour.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy them*
and show them my salvation.

Glory to God . . .

THE READING

A sabbath rest still remains for the people of God; for those who enter God's rest also cease from their labours, as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest.

Hebrews 4. 9-11

THE RESPONSORY *may be said.*

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

**Into your hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.**

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.
I commend my spirit.

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

Keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis – The Song of Simeon

**Refrain: Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep may rest in peace.**

- 1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: *
your word has been fulfilled.
 - 2 My own eyes have seen the salvation *
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
 - 3 A light to reveal you to the nations *
and the glory of your people Israel.
- Luke 2. 29-32*

Glory to God . . .

The refrain is repeated after the canticle.

THE REFLECTION

THE PRAYERS

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

THE COLLECT

Stay with us, O God, this night,
so that by your strength
we may rise with the new day
to rejoice in the resurrection of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

THE CONCLUSION

In peace, we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night-watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

[Come with the dawning of the day
**and make yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.]**

**The Lord bless us and watch over us;
the Lord make his face shine upon us
and be gracious to us;
the Lord look kindly on us
and give us peace. Amen.**

A MARIAN ANTHEM *(page 40) may be sung.*

SALVE REGINA

Sal - ve, Re - gi - na,* ma - ter mi - se - ri - cor - di - ae vi - ta dul - ce - do,
 et spes nos - tra sal - ve. Ad te cla - ma - mus, ex - u - les fi - li - i E - vae,
 ad te su - spi - ra - mus, ge - men - tes et flen - tes, in hac la - cri - ma - rum val - le.
 Ei - a er - go, Ad - vo - ca - ta nos - tra, il - los tu - os mi - se - ri - cor - des
 o - cu - los ad nos con - ver - te. Et Je - sum, be - ne - dic - tum fruc - tum
 ven - tris tu - i, no - bis post hoc ex - si - li - um o - sten - de.
 O - - - cle - mens, O - - - pi - a, O - - - dul - cis,
 Vir - go Ma - ri - a.

*Hail, holy Queen, * Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
 To you we cry, exiled children of Eve;
 to you we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.
 Turn, then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us,
 and after this our exile, show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus:
 O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*