

- †Liturgy: The Church's full worship of Christ's death, resurrection, and salvation for our world
- †Hours: Refers to our time with the eternal God, which is everlasting
- †Antiphon: Short prayer that helps us reflect in our worship to God
- **†Canticle:** Song of praise found in the Bible, like the *Magnificat* Mary proclaims
- †Psalm: One of 150 songs to God from the Book of Psalms

## TERMINOLOGY:

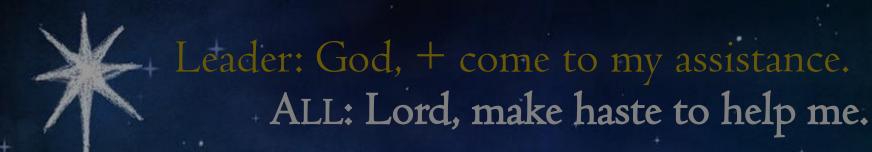


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EVENING PRAYER (VESPERS) STRUCTURE:





Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

ALL: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.



O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all humankind; Bid thou our sad divisions cease, And be thyself our Prince of Peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

HYMN—O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

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

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures he makes me lie down; to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul.

He guides me along right paths for the sake of his name.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.

## PSALM 23

You set a table before me in front of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of the LORD for endless days.

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.

### Leader:

Merciful God, you sent your Son to save us from the power of sin. Christ's cross has redeemed us, his death has given us life, and his resurrection has raised us to glory. Fill our hearts with faith, our days with good works, and our lives with your love.

Antiphon: Have mercy, Lord, and hear my prayer.

## PSALM PRAYER



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

O God, you are my God—it is you I seek!
For you my body yearns; for you my soul thirsts,
In a land parched, lifeless, and without water.

I look to you in the sanctuary to see your power and glory. For your love is better than life; my lips shall ever praise you!



# PSALM 63

I think of you upon my bed,
I remember you through the watches of the night
You indeed are my savior,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

My soul clings fast to you; tyour right hand upholds 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 for ever. Amen.

### Leader:

Lord, you have raised us from the earth; may you let the \*seeds of justice, which we have sown in tears, grow and increase in your sight. May we reap in joy the harvest we hope for patiently.

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

## PSALM PRAYER:

## Antiphon: I will bless the Lord all my life long.

Let us give thanks to the Father for having made you worthy to share the lot of the saints in light.

He rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. Through him we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins.

# CANTICLE: COLOSSIANS 1:12-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creatures. In him everything in heaven and on earth was created, things visible and invisible.

All were created through him; all were created for him.

He is before all else that is.

In him everything continues in being.

It is he who is head of the body, the church! he who is the beginning, the first-born of the dead, so that primacy may be his in everything.

It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in him and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person, both on earth and in the heavens, making peace through the blood of his cross.

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.

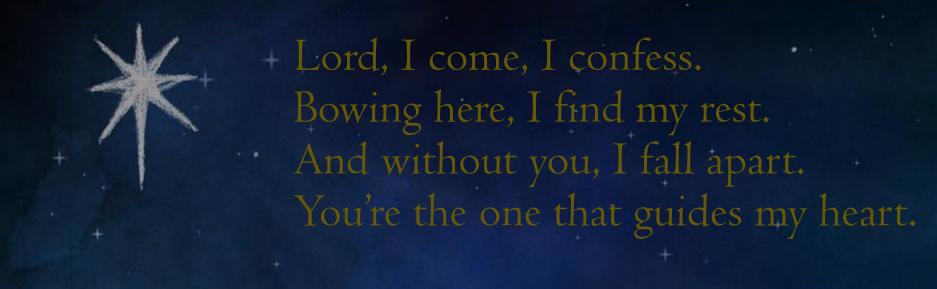
Antiphon: I will bless the Lord all my life long.



#### Leader:

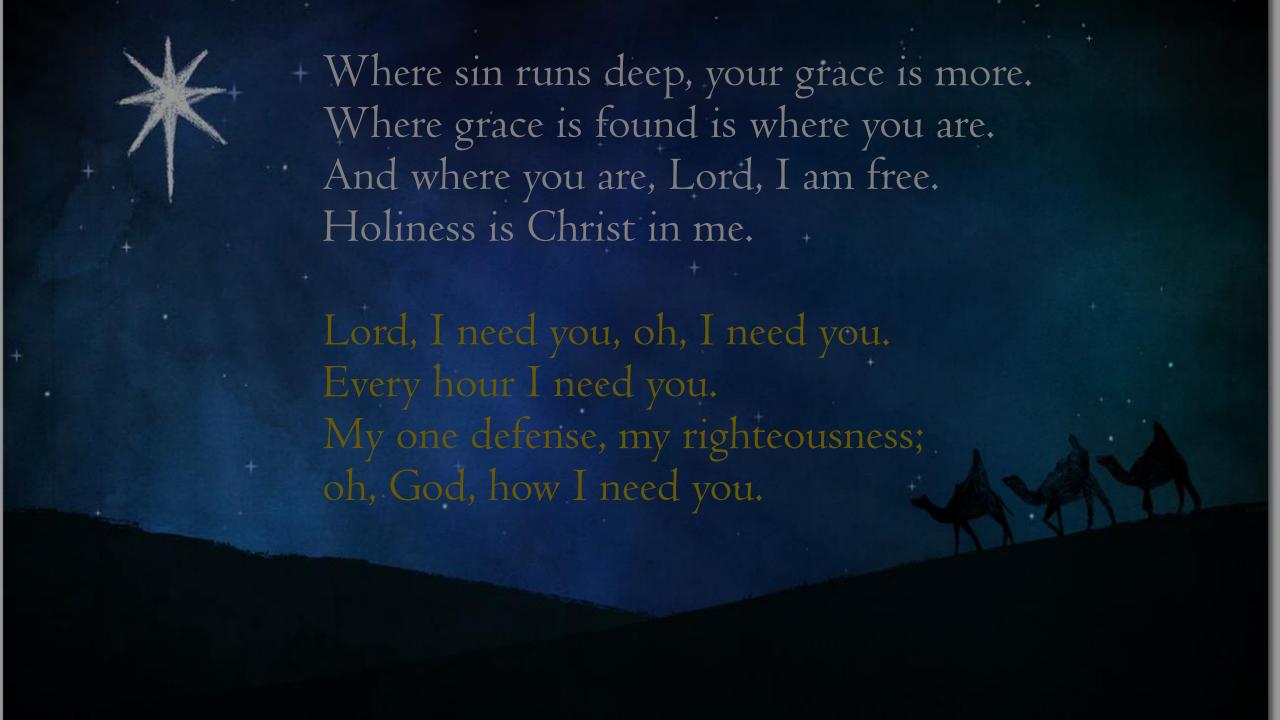
Stop passing judgment before the time of the Lord's return. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will manifest the motives of our hearts, and then everyone will receive praise from God.

# READING (I Corinthians 4:5)



Lord, I need you, oh, I need you. Every hour I need you. My one defense, my righteousness; oh, God, how I need you.

# HYMN—LORD, I NEED YOU





Jesus, you're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need you, oh, I need you. Every hour I need you. My one defense, my righteousness; oh, God, how I need you.

My one defense, my righteousness; oh, God, how I need you. (x2)

Leader: Come and set us free, Lord God of power and might. ALL: Come and set us free, Lord God of power and might.

Leader: Let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved, ALL: Lord God of power and might.

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. ALL: Come and set us free, Lord God of power and might.

## RESPONSORY



Antiphon: You, O Lord, are the One whose coming was foretold; we long for you to come and set your people free.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

## CANTICLE OF MARY (MAGNIFICAT, LUKE I\_46-55)

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.



He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

Antiphon: You, O Lord, are the One whose coming was foretold; we long for you to come and set your people free.

Leader: Let us pray to God the Father, who sent his Son to bring us endless peace:

ALL: Lord, your kingdom come.

Leader! Father most holy, look kindly on your Church, come and visit this vine which your own right hand has planted.

ALL: Lord, your kingdom come.

Leader: Be mindful, Lord, of all the sons of Abraham, fulfill the promises you made to their fathers.

ALL: Lord, your kingdom come.

# INTERCESSIONS



Leader: Merciful God, look kindly upon men and women of every race, may they honor you for your goodness.

ALL: Lord, your kingdom come.

Leader: Eternal Shepherd, visit the sheep of your flock, and gather them together into one fold.

ALL: Lord, your kingdom come.

Leader: Remember those who have gone forth from this world in your peace, lead them into glory with your Son.

ALL: Lord, your kingdom come.

You are here moving in our midst. I worship you, I worship you. You are here moving in our midst. I worship you, I worship you. (repeat)

REFRAIN:

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness, My God, that is who you are. (repeat)

You are here touching ev'ry heart. I worship you, I worship you. You are here healing ev'ry heart. I worship you, I worship you.

REFRAIN (2x)

# HYMN—WAY MAKER

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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### Leader:

Father, may the coming celebration of the birth of your Son bring us your saving help and prepare us for eternal life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

# CONCLUDING PRAYER

REFRAIN:

Come to us, Jesus, come to us. Come to us, Jesus. Jesus, come.

2. We know not where this journey leads, we follow just our dreams.

We travel far that we might kneel

before a powborn King.

3.

I. For a world filled with darkness longs to see your light.

For a world of despair awaits that hopeful night.

3. Unto us a shining star, a sign for all to see: that unto us a child is born, born to set us free.

# HYMN—COME TO US



