

Compline – the Abbey of Gethsemani

Opening Verse and Response

V - O God, come to my assistance,

R - O Lord, make haste to help me

Doxology

Praise the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit

Both now and forever,

The God who is who was and is to come

At the end of the ages.

Hymn

Before the ending of the day
creator of the world we pray
that with thy gracious favour thou
wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From fears and terrors of the night
defend us Lord by thy great might
and when we close our eyes in sleep
let hearts with Christ their vigil keep.

O Father, this we ask be done
through Jesus Christ thine only Son
who with the Paraclete and thee
now lives and reigns eternally.
Amen.

Psalm 4

Psalm 90

Unfortunately, we cannot include the texts for the psalms, since they are under copyright. The version we use is the Grail translation, and is widely available. It is published, for example, in the book *The Psalms: A New Translation: Singing Version*, by Paulist Press. This is for sale at the gift shop in Gethsemani's Welcome Center, or from Amazon.com. This translation is also the one used in the various editions of the Roman Liturgy of the Hours.

Short Reading – chosen at the reader's discretion – usually no more than a verse.

Versicle and Responsory

V - Guard us O Lord as the apple of your eye

R - Hide us in the shadow of your wings.

Antiphon for Cantic of Simeon (AKA *Nunc Dimittis*)

Lord, save us, save us while we are awake,
protect us while we are asleep
that we may keep our watch with Christ
and when we sleep, rest in his peace.

Cantic of Simeon

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.

Doxology (Praise the Father, etc.)

Repeat the antiphon (Lord, save us, etc.)

Short Litany

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Collect

Let us pray:

All powerful God, grant us so to remain united to your only Son in the mystery of his death and burial that we may rise with him to newness of life, for He lives and reigns forever and ever.

R - Amen

Blessing

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

R - Amen.

Marian Antiphon - Salve Regina

Hail Holy Queen
Mother of mercy
hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To you do we cry
poor banished children of Eve,
to you do 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 unto us
the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.
O clement,
O loving,
O sweet
Virgin Mary.