

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

NIGHT PRAYER

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March 24, 2026

{ Solemnity – Annunciation }



*Make sign of cross*

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 for ever. Amen.

## PENITENTIAL RITE

*Brief moment of silence*

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*All strike their breast*

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*Presiding minister*

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring  
us to everlasting life.

— Amen.

## HYMN

To you before the close of light,  
Creator of all things, we pray:  
Be our protector, keep us safe  
in your unfailing clemency.

Incline our hearts to dream of you,  
to sense your presence as we sleep;

as light returns, so let us sing  
your praise and glory evermore.

Grant us the grace of health and strength,  
renew our warmth and joy of life;  
and let your radiant light dispel  
the dreaded darkness of the night.

Almighty Father, grant our prayer  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who reigns with you from age to age,  
one with the Spirit, ever blest. Amen.

*Metrical hymn, melody: O WALY WALY, 8 8 8 8; English traditional melody*

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## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

Have mercy, Lord, and hear my prayer.

*Psalm 4*

*Thanksgiving*

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

When I cáll, ánsWER me, O Gód of jústice; \*  
from ánguish you reléased me; have mércy and héar me!

O mén, how lóng will your héarts be clósed, \*  
will you lóve what is fútile and séek what is fálse?

It is the Lórd who grants fávors to thóse whom he lóves; \*  
the Lórd héars me whenéver I cáll him.

Fear him; do not sín: pónder on your béd and be still. \*  
Make jústice your sácrifice and trúst in the Lórd.

“What can brínge us háppiness?” mány sáy. \*  
Let the líght of your fáce shíne on us, O Lórd.

You have pút into my héart a gréater jóy \*  
than théy have from abúndance of córn and new wíne.

I will líe down in péace and sléep comes at ónce \*  
for yóu alone, Lórd, make me dwéll in sáfety.

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*

Have mercy, Lord, and hear my prayer.

*Antiphon 2*

In the silent hours of night, bless the Lord.

*Psalms 134*

*Evening prayer in the temple*

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

O cóme, bléss the Lórd, \*  
all yóu who sérve the Lórd,  
who stánd in the hóuse of the Lórd, \*  
in the cóurts of the hóuse of our Gód.

Lift up your hánds to the hólý pláce \*  
and bléss the Lórd through the níght.

May the Lórd bléss you from Zíon, \*  
he who máde both héaven and éarth.

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*

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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

*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.

*Luke 2:29-32*

*Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel*

*Make sign of cross*

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,\*  
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CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord,  
we beg you to visit this house  
and banish from it  
all the deadly power of the enemy.  
May your holy angels dwell here  
to keep us in peace,  
and may your blessing be upon us always.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

— Amen.

*Blessing*

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

— Amen.

ANTIPHON OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Hail, Queen of Heaven, beyond compare,  
To whom the angels homage pay;  
Hail, Root of Jesse, Gate of Light,  
That opened for the world's new Day.

Rejoice, O Virgin unsurpassed,  
In whom our ransom was begun,  
For all your loving children pray

To Christ, our Saviour, and your Son.

*Stanbrook Abbey*

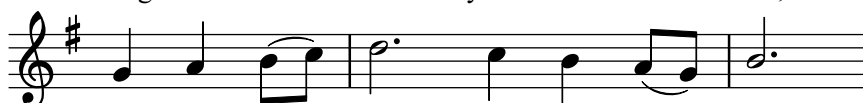
## To You before the Close of Light



1. To you be - fore the close of light,
2. In - cline our hearts to dream of you,
3. Grant us the grace of health and strength,
4. Al - might - y Fa - ther, grant our prayer



1. Cre - a - tor of all things, we\_\_ pray:
2. to sense your pres - ence as we\_\_ sleep;
3. re - new our warmth and joy of\_\_ life;
4. through Je - sus Christ your Son our\_\_ Lord,



1. Be our pro - tec - tor, keep us\_\_ safe
2. as light re - turns, so let us\_\_ sing
3. and let your\_\_ ra - diant light dis - pel
4. who reigns with\_\_ you from age to\_\_ age,



1. in your un - fail - ing clem - en - cy.
2. your praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.
3. the dread - ed dark - ness of the\_\_ night.
4. one with the Spir - it, ev - er\_\_ blest.



4. A - men.

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