CALL TO WORSHIP AND SONG ("Still, My Soul, Be Still")
Almighty God, grant us a quiet night and peace at the last. Amen.
It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, to herald your love in the morning, and your truth at the close of the day.

Reading from Scripture & Song

CANTICLE FOR COMPLINE (Chanted by the Cantor)
Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping:
that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.
Now, Lord, 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.
PRAYERS

Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are yours, and to you the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night; we rest securely, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray

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.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord!
Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore. Amen.

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Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
2 Still your children wander home-less; still the hungry cry for bread;
3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love’s revealing light
4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,

who upon the cross, for-saken, worked your mercy’s perfect deed:
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns upon our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;

we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-passion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-passion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and comfort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,

con-se-crating to your purpose ev’ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-its send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stirring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your abun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in freedom may your mer-cy know and live.

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