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THE CHAPEL OF ST HUGH AND ST CHAD IN  
THE KING'S HALL AND COLLEGE OF  
BRASENOSE



Compline

9:30pm Wednesdays in Term

The HYMN is always sung. Other parts may be said or sung at the discretion of the Officiant.

STAND

Officiant The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

All Amen.

Officiant Beloved, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour; whom resist steadfast in the faith.

V But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us:

R Thanks be to God.

V Our help is in the name of the Lord;

R Who hath made heaven and earth.

We confess to God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, through our fault, our own fault, our own most grievous fault: therefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.

Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

Priest (May) the almighty and most merciful God grant to us pardon, absolution and remission of all our sins, time for true repentance, amendment of life and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

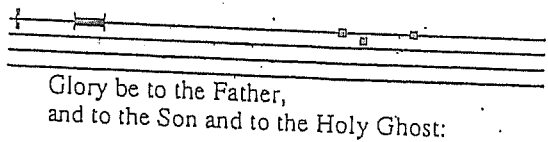
V Turn us, O God our Saviour:

R And let thine anger cease from us.

V O God, Make speed to save us:

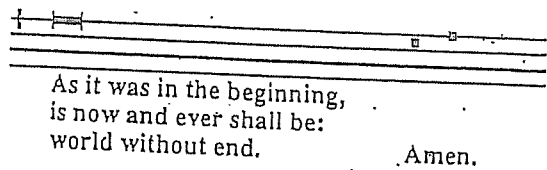
R O Lord, make haste to help us.

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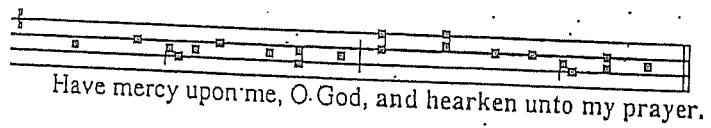
Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:

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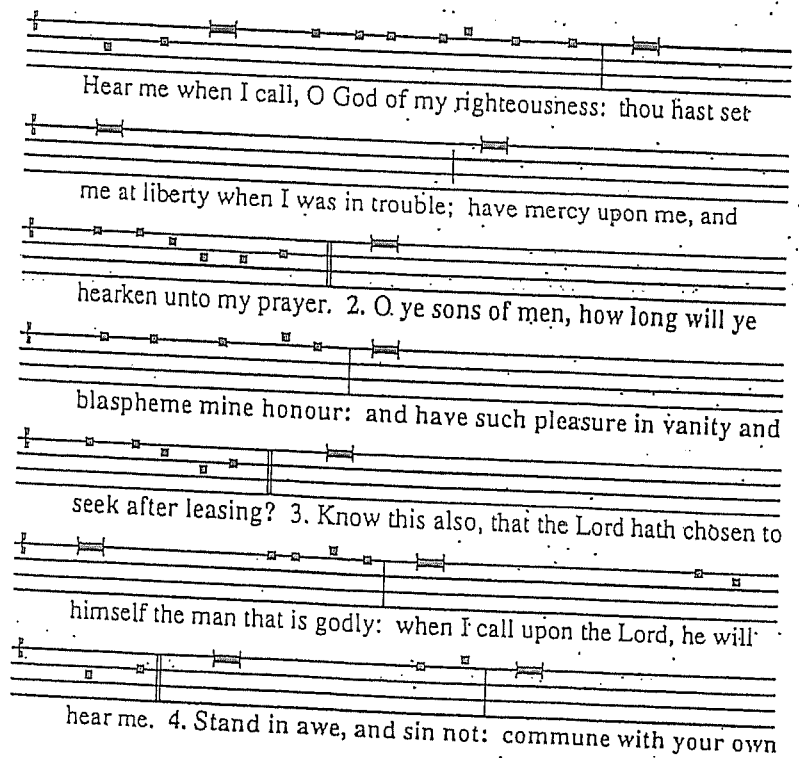
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

ANTIPHON

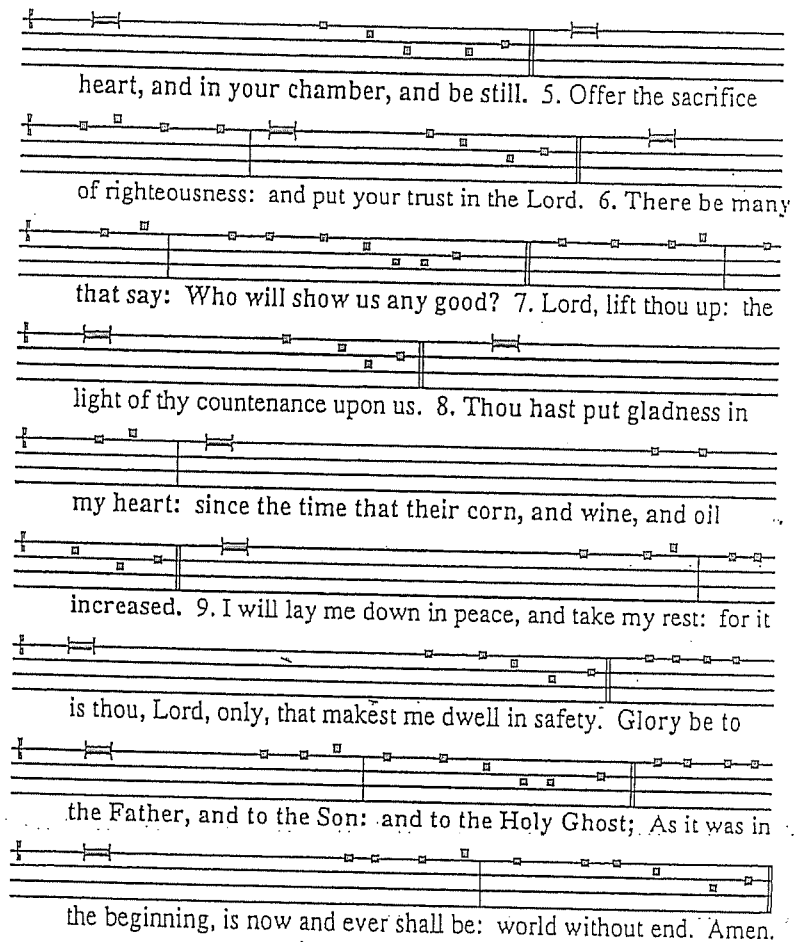


Have mercy upon me, O God, and hearken unto my prayer.

PSALM 4 - CUM IN VOCAREM.

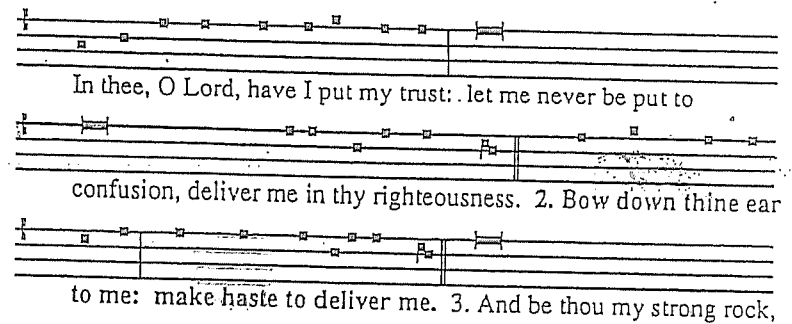


Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast set  
me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and  
hearken unto my prayer. 2. O ye sons of men, how long will ye  
blaspheme mine honour: and have such pleasure in vanity and  
seek after leasing? 3. Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to  
himself the man that is godly: when I call upon the Lord, he will  
hear me. 4. Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own

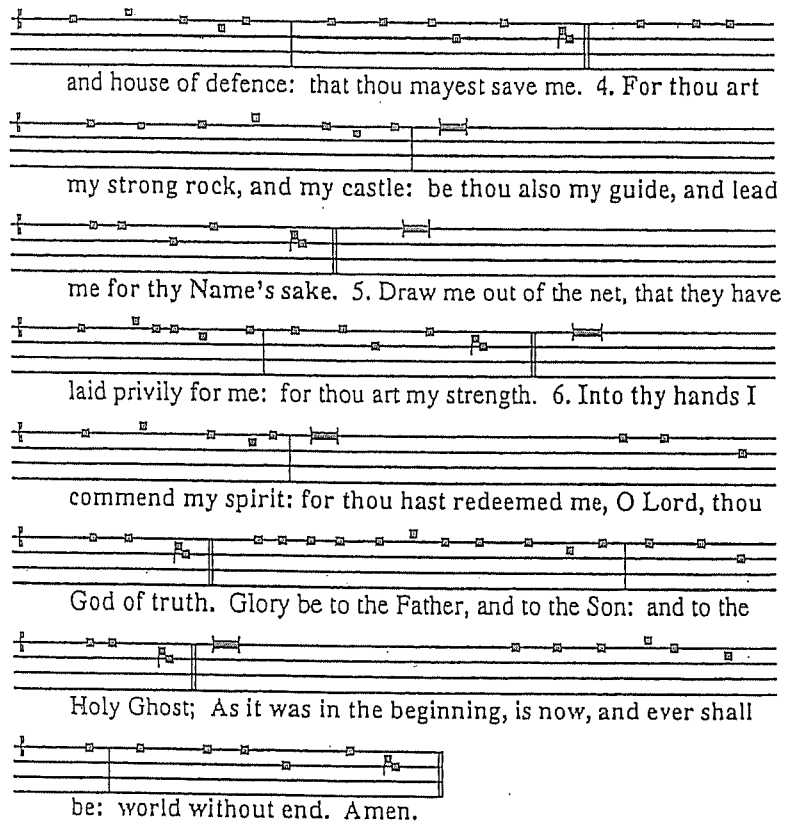


heart, and in your chamber, and be still. 5. Offer the sacrifice  
of righteousness: and put your trust in the Lord. 6. There be many  
that say: Who will show us any good? 7. Lord, lift thou up: the  
light of thy countenance upon us. 8. Thou hast put gladness in  
my heart: since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil  
increased. 9. I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest: for it  
is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety. Glory be to  
the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in  
the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM 31 - IN TE, DOMINE, SPERAVI

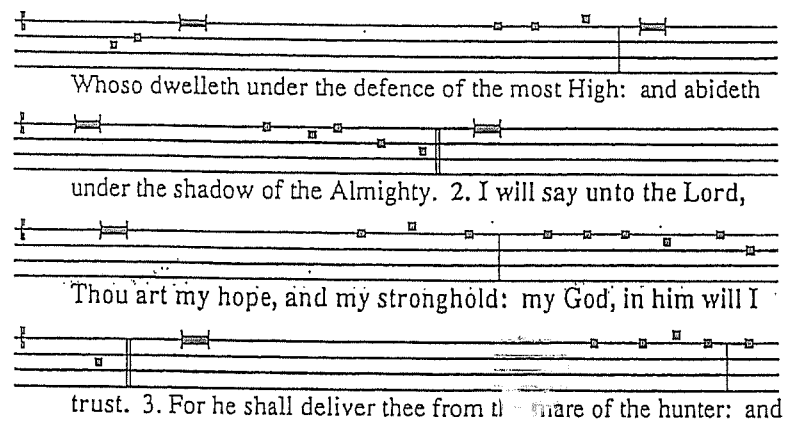


In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be put to  
confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness. 2. Bow down thine ear  
to me: make haste to deliver me. 3. And be thou my strong rock,

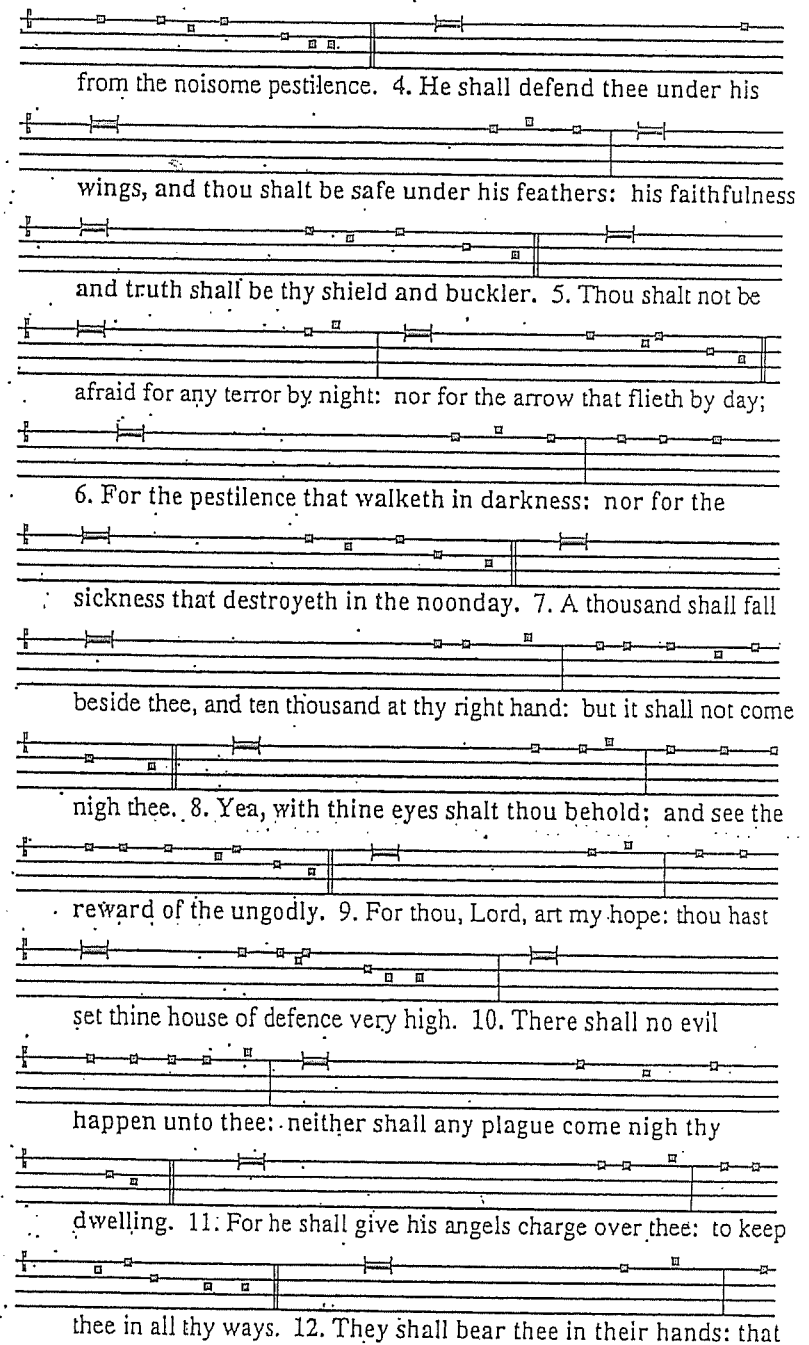


and house of defence: that thou mayest save me. 4. For thou art  
 my strong rock, and my castle: be thou also my guide, and lead  
 me for thy Name's sake. 5. Draw me out of the net, that they have  
 laid privily for me: for thou art my strength. 6. Into thy hands I  
 commend my spirit: for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou  
 God of truth. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the  
 Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall  
 be: world without end. Amen.

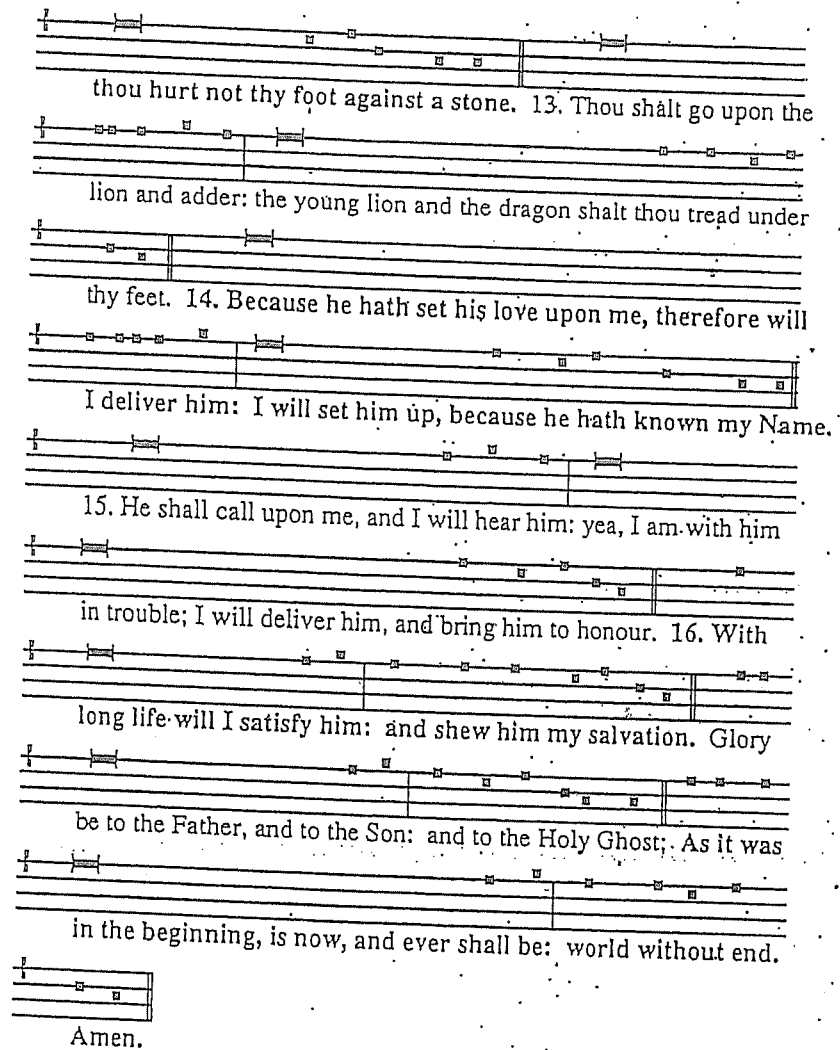
## PSALM 91 - QUI HABITAT



Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the most High: and abideth  
 under the shadow of the Almighty. 2. I will say unto the Lord,  
 Thou art my hope, and my stronghold: my God, in him will I  
 trust. 3. For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter: and

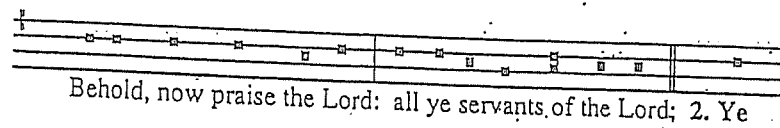


from the noisome pestilence. 4. He shall defend thee under his  
 wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness  
 and truth shall be thy shield and buckler. 5. Thou shalt not be  
 afraid for any terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day;  
 6. For the pestilence that walketh in darkness: nor for the  
 sickness that destroyeth in the noonday. 7. A thousand shall fall  
 beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come  
 nigh thee. 8. Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold; and see the  
 reward of the ungodly. 9. For thou, Lord, art my hope: thou hast  
 set thine house of defence very high. 10. There shall no evil  
 happen unto thee: neither shall any plague come nigh thy  
 dwelling. 11: For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep  
 thee in all thy ways. 12. They shall bear thee in their hands: that

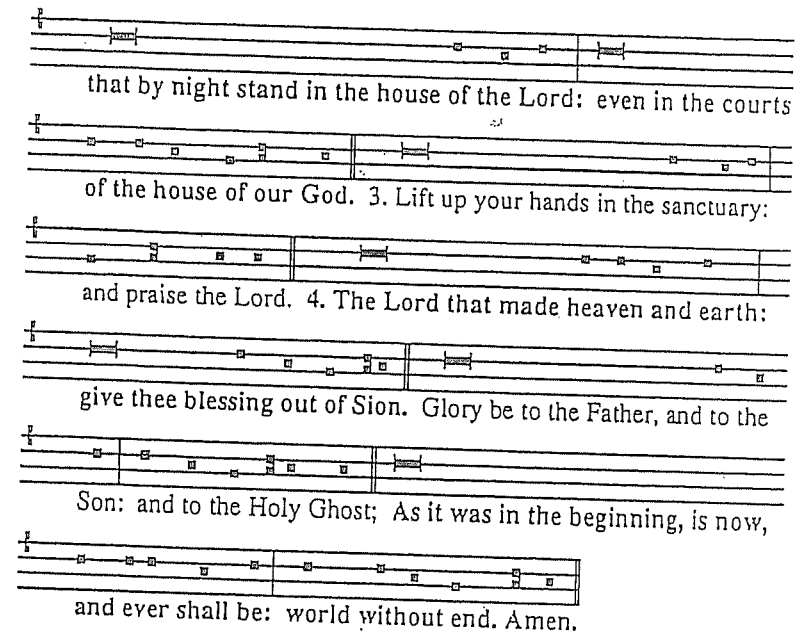


thou hurt not thy foot against a stone. 13. Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet. 14. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him up, because he hath known my Name. 15. He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour. 16. With long life will I satisfy him: and shew him my salvation. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## PSALM 134 - ECCE NUNC

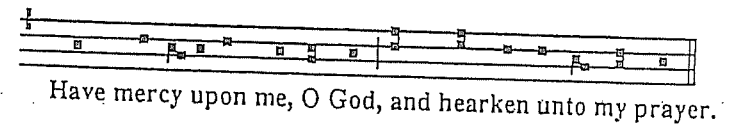


Behold, now praise the Lord: all ye servants of the Lord; 2. Ye



that by night stand in the house of the Lord: even in the courts of the house of our God. 3. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary: and praise the Lord. 4. The Lord that made heaven and earth: give thee blessing out of Sion. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## REPEAT ANTIPHON



Have mercy upon me, O God, and hearken unto my prayer.

## CHAPTER - one of the following

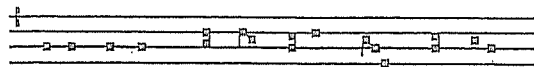
Thou, Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy Name: leave us not, O Lord our God.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

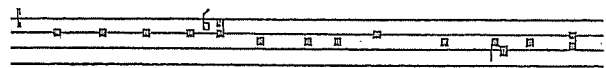
Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the Everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever.

All Thanks be to God.

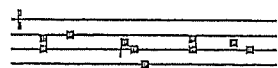
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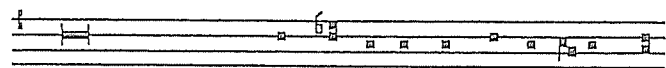
V Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit:  
R *Repeat*



V For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth:



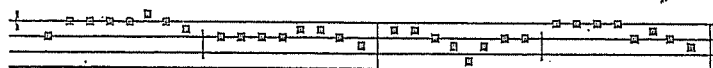
R I commend my spirit



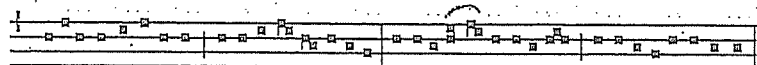
V Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost:  
R Into thy hands, O Lord . . .

OFFICE HYMN

*Ferial tone*



*Festal tone*

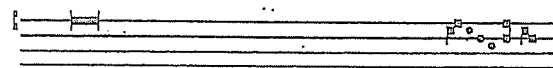


Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That with thy wonted favour thou  
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,  
From nightly fears and fantasies;  
Tread under foot our ghostly foe;  
That no pollution we may know.

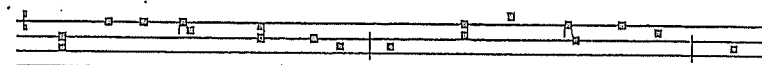
O Father, that we ask be done,  
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;  
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,  
Doth live and reign eternally.

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Amen.	Amen.

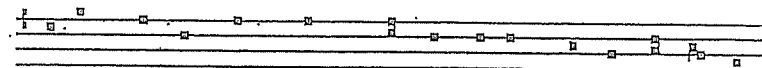


V Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of an eye:  
R Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

ANTIPHON FOR NUNC DIMITTIS

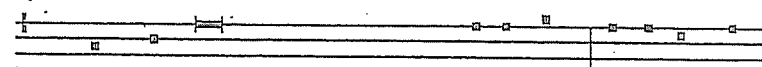


Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping: that

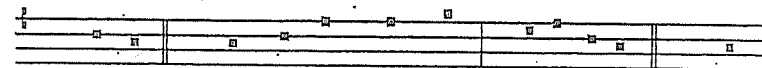


awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

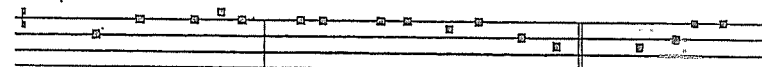
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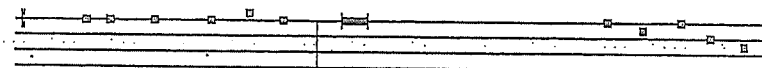
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to



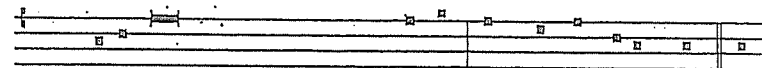
thy word. 2. For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation, 3. Which



thou hast prepared: before the face of all people: 4. To be a light



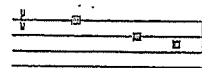
to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost: As



it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without



end. Amen.

*Repeat Antiphon: Save us, O Lord . . .*

KNEEL

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

V We will lay us down in peace and take our rest;

R For it is thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety.

V Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers;

R To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

V Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost:

R Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

V Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:

R To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

V The Almighty and most merciful  
Lord guard us and give us his blessing.

R Amen.

V Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin:

R O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

V O Lord, hear our prayer;

R And let our cry come unto thee.

#### COLLECTS

Let us pray.

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this dwelling, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy. Let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace, and may thy blessing be upon us evermore. Amen.

Lighten our darkness we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who at the hour of Compline didst rest in the sepulchre, and didst thereby sanctify the grave as a bed of hope to thy people; Make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins, which were the cause of thy passion, that when our bodies lie in the dust, our souls may live with thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

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

Be present, O merciful Lord, 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 repose upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O everlasting God, who art ever adored by the holy angels, yet dost choose men and women to be the stewards of thy mysteries; Bless, we beseech thee, the work of this College, and prosper the intentions of its founders; that they who cannot do any good without thee, may by thee be won to purity and love, and illuminated with a true knowledge of thy Word and Sacraments; and so, being made able ministers of the New Covenant, they may advance thy glory, and the salvation of thy elect servants; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V The Lord be with you;

R And with thy spirit.

V Let us bless the Lord;

R Thanks be to God.

V May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of  
God, rest in peace;

R And rise in glory. Amen.