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Invitatory

BCP 127

Hymn

Te lucis ante terminum
rerum Creator, poscimus
ut pro tua clementia
sis praesul et custodia.

*To thee, before the close of day
Creator of the world, we pray
that with Thy wonted favor, Thou
wouldst be our Guard and Keeper now.*

Procul recedant somnia
et noctium phantasmata;
hostemque nostrum comprime,
ne pollutantur corpora.

*From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
from fears and terrors of the night;
withhold from us our ghostly foe,
That spot of sin we may not know.*

Praesta, Pater piissime,
Patrique compar Unice,
cum Spiritu Paraclito
regnans per omne saeculum. Amen.

*O Father, that we ask be done
through Jesus Christ Thine only Son,
who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
shall live and reign eternally. Amen.*

- Seventh-century Ambrosian hymn for Compline

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Versicle & Response: Keep us, O Lord BCP 132

The Lord's Prayer

Collects BCP 133

Canticle BCP 134

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| Salva nos, Domine, vigilantes, custodi nos dormientes: ut vigilemus cum Christo, et requiescamus in pace. | <i>Save us, Lord, keeping watch, guard us while sleeping, that we may keep watch with Christ, and rest in peace.</i> |
| Nunc dimittis + servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum tuum in pace: Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum Quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum: Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam plebis tuae Israel. | <i>Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people: To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.</i> |
| Gloria Patria et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. | <i>Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, for ages of ages. Amen.</i> |

Conclusion BCP 135

Seasonal Marian Antiphon

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| Ave Regina caelorum, Ave, Domina Angelorum: Salve, radix, salve, porta Ex qua mundo lux est orta: | <i>Hail, O Queen of Heaven enthroned, Hail, by angels Mistress owned: Root of Jesse, Gate of morn, Whence the world's true light was born.</i> |
| Gaude, Virgo gloriosa, Super omnes speciosa, Vale, O valde decora, Et pro nobis Christum exora. | <i>Rejoice, O glorious Virgin, Lovely beyond all others, Fairest, most beautiful maiden, And pray for us to Christ.</i> |

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