

Welcome to Compline for **Thursday**. The Service for Compline can be found on p154-160 in the Lutheran Book of Worship. The Psalm for this evening is **Psalm 34 found on page 231-32**. The hymns this evening are **#277** and **#281**.

## To You, before the Close of Day



1 To you, be - fore the close of day, Cre - a - tor of the  
2 From e - vil dreams de - fend our sight, from all the ter - rors  
3 O Fa - ther, this we ask be done through Je - sus Christ, your



world, we pray! Your grace and peace to us al - low  
of the night, from all de - lud - ing thoughts that creep  
on - ly Son, who with the Ho - ly Ghost and you



and be our guard and keep - er now.  
on heed - less minds dis - armed by sleep.  
shall live and reign all a - ges through. A - men

Text: compline office hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, adapt.  
Music: JAM LUCIS, Benedictine plainsong, mode VI

**PSALM 34** (The cantor will speak the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken in unison.)

ANTIPHON

*Those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.*

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD | at all times;\*  
his praise shall ever be | in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>I will glory | in the LORD;\*  
let the humble hear | and rejoice.

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;\*  
let us exalt his | name together.

- <sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, and he | answered me\*  
and delivered me out of | all my terror.
- <sup>5</sup>Look upon him | and be radiant,\*  
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
- <sup>6</sup>I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me\*  
and saved me from | all my troubles.
- <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encompasses | those who fear him,\*  
and he will de- | liver them.
- <sup>8</sup>Taste and see that the | LORD is good;\*  
happy are they who | trust in him!
- <sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you that | are his saints,\*  
for those who fear | him lack nothing.
- <sup>10</sup>The young lions lack and | suffer hunger,\*  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.
- <sup>11</sup>Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;\*  
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.
- <sup>12</sup>Who among | you loves life\*  
and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?
- <sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from | evil-speaking\*  
and your lips from | lying words.
- <sup>14</sup>Turn from evil | and do good;\*  
seek peace | and pursue it.
- <sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous,\*  
and his ears are open | to their cry.
- <sup>16</sup>The face of the LORD is against those | who do evil,\*  
to root out the remembrance of them | from the earth.
- <sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them\*  
and delivers them from | all their troubles.
- <sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted\*  
and will save those whose spir- | its are crushed.
- <sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles | of the righteous,\*  
but the LORD will deliver him out | of them all.

<sup>20</sup>He will keep safe | all his bones;\*  
not one of them | shall be broken.

<sup>21</sup>Evil shall | slay the wicked,\*  
and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.

<sup>22</sup>The LORD ransoms the life | of his servants,\*  
and none will be punished who | trust in him.

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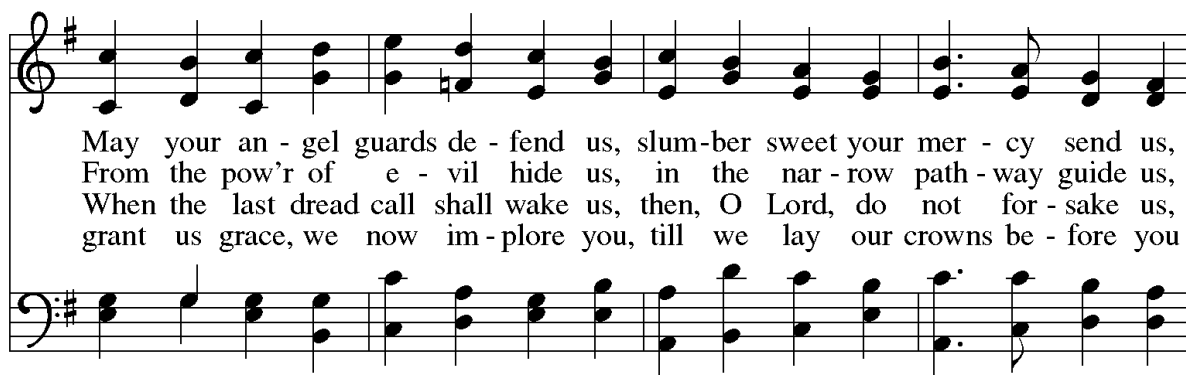
# God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven



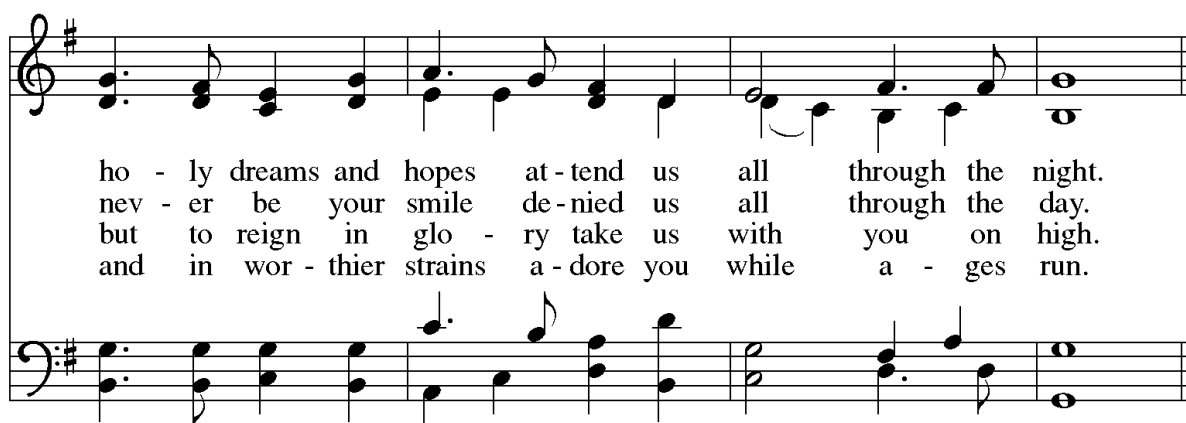
1 God, who made the earth and heav-en, dark - ness and light:  
2 And when morn a - gain shall call us to run life's way,  
3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, and, when we die,  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav-en, all - ho - ly Son,



you the day for work have giv - en, for rest the night.  
may we still, what - e'er be - fall us, your will o - bey.  
may we in your might - y keep - ing all peace - ful lie.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, blest Three in One:



May your an - gel guards de - fend us, slum - ber sweet your mer - cy send us,  
From the pow'r of e - vil hide us, in the nar - row path - way guide us,  
When the last dread call shall wake us, then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,  
grant us grace, we now im - plore you, till we lay our crowns be - fore you



ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us all through the night.  
nev - er be your smile de - nied us all through the day.  
but to reign in glo - ry take us with you on high.  
and in wor - thier strains a - dore you while a - ges run.