

Welcome to Compline for **Wednesday**. The Service for Compline can be found on p154-160 in the Lutheran Book of Worship. The Psalm for this evening is **Psalm 31 found on page 229-30**. The hymns this evening are **#276** and **#273**.

Now All the Woods Are Sleeping



1 Now all the woods are sleep - ing, through fields the shad -
 2 The ra - dant sun has van - ished, its gold - en rays
 3 Now all the heav'n - ly splen - dor breaks forth in star -
 4 Though long our an - cient blind - ness has missed God's lov -



ows creep - ing, and cit - ies sink to rest; let us, as night
 are ban - ished from dark -'ning skies of night; but Christ, the sun
 light ten - der from myr - iad worlds un - known; and we, this mar -
 ing - kind - ness and plunged us in - to strife; one day, when life



is fall - ing, on God our mak - er call - ing,
 of glad - ness, dis - pel - ling all our sad - ness,
 vel see - ing, for - get our self - ish be - ing
 is o - ver, shall death's fair night un - cov - er



give thanks to him who loves us best.
 shines down on us in warm - est light.
 for joy of beau - ty not our own.
 the fields of ev - er - last - ing life.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978
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PSALM 31 (*The cantor will speak the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

*Incline your | ear to me;**
make haste to de- | liver me.

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*
deliver me | in your righteousness.

²Incline your | ear to me;*
make haste to de- | liver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my stronghold;*
for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,*
for you are my tow- | er of strength.

⁵Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,*
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O | God of truth.

⁶I hate those who cling to | worthless idols,*
and I put my trust | in the LORD.

⁷I will rejoice and be glad because | of your mercy;*
for you have seen my affliction; you know | my distress.

⁸You have not shut me up in the power | of the enemy;*
you have set my feet in an | open place.

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;*
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;*
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.

¹¹I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of |
my acquaintance;*
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

¹²I am forgotten like a dead man, | out of mind;*
I am as useless as a | broken pot.

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;*
they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.

¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.*
I have said, “You | are my God.

¹⁵My times are | in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

¹⁶Make your face to shine up- | on your servant,*
and in your loving- | kindness save me.”

¹⁷LORD, let me not be ashamed for having called | upon you; *
rather, let the wicked be put to shame; let them be silent | in the grave.

¹⁸Let the lying lips be silenced which speak a- | gainst the righteous,*
haughtily, disdainfully, and | with contempt.

¹⁹How great is your goodness, O LORD, which you have laid up for | those who fear you; *
which you have done in the sight of all for those who put their | trust in you.

²⁰You hide them in the covert of your presence from those who | slander them; *
you keep them in your shelter from the | strife of tongues.

²¹Blessed | be the LORD! *
for he has shown me the wonders of his love in a | besieged city.

²²Yet I said in my alarm, “I have been cut off from the sight | of your eyes.” *
Nevertheless, you heard the sound of my entreaty when I cried | out to you.

²³Love the LORD, all you who | worship him; *
the LORD protects the faithful, but repays to the full those | who act haughtily.

²⁴Be strong and let your | heart take courage,*
all you who wait | for the LORD.

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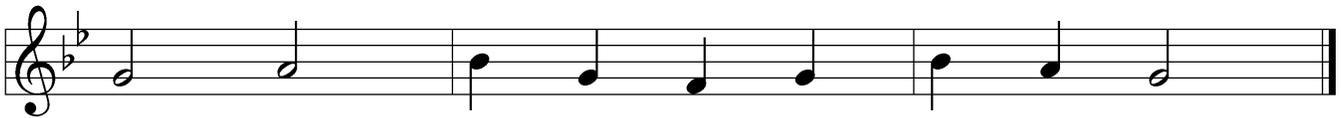
O Christ, You Are the Light and Day



1 O Christ, you are the light and day; you drive the gloom of
2 A - rise, O God, our shield, re - pel the darts and sub - tle -
3 All ho - ly Lord, in hum - ble prayer we ask to - night your
4 To God the Fa - ther and the Son and Ho - ly Spir - it,



night a - way; grant, Light of light, your word to
ties of hell; let your right hand, out - stretched a -
watch - ful care and pray that our re - pose may
Three in One, be glo - ry in the high - est



show the light of heav'n to us be - low.
bove, guard those who serve the Lord they love.
be a qui - et night, from per - ils free.
giv'n by all on earth and all in heav'n!

Text: Latin hymn, 6th cent., sts. 1–3; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, st. 4; tr. William J. Copeland, 1804–1885, sts. 1–3, alt.
Music: CHRISTE, DER DU BIST TAG UND LICHT, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533