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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;  
**in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch.**

My mouth is filled with Your praise,  
**and with Your glory all the day.**

O Lord, open my lips,  
**and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

**Glorify be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Reading**

*Psalms 91*

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High\*  
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

<sup>2</sup>I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my | fortress,\*  
my God, in | whom I trust."

<sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the | fowler\*  
and from the deadly | pestilence.

<sup>4</sup>He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find | refuge;\*  
his faithfulness is a shield and | buckler.

<sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror | of the night,\*  
nor the arrow that | flies by day,

<sup>6</sup>nor the pestilence that stalks in | darkness,\*  
nor the destruction that wastes at | noonday.

<sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your | right hand,\*

but it will not come | near you.

<sup>8</sup>You will only look | with your eyes\*  
and see the recompense of the | wicked.

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—\*  
the Most High, who is my | refuge—

<sup>10</sup>no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\*  
no plague come | near your tent.

<sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels con- | cerning you\*  
to guard you in | all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>On their hands they will | bear you up,\*  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

<sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the | adder;\*  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

<sup>14</sup>“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will de- | liver him;\*  
I will protect him, because he | knows my name.

<sup>15</sup>When he calls to me, I will answer him;  
I will be with him in | trouble;\*  
I will rescue him and | honor him.

<sup>16</sup>With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*  
and show him my sal- | vation.”

### *Meditation on the Hymn*

## **666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe**

1 O little flock, fear not the foe  
Who madly seeks your overthrow;  
Dread not his rage and pow'r.  
And though your courage sometimes faints,  
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints  
Lasts but a little hour.

2 Be of good cheer; your cause belongs  
To Him who can avenge your wrongs;  
Leave it to Him, our Lord.  
Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,  
His Gideon shall for you arise,  
Uphold you and His Word.

3 As true as God's own Word is true,  
Not earth nor hell's satanic crew  
Against us shall prevail.  
Their might? A joke, a mere facade!  
God is with us and we with God—  
Our vict'ry cannot fail.

- 4 Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;  
Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,  
Fight for us once again!  
So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise  
A mighty chorus to Thy praise  
Forevermore. Amen.

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## Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

*Concluding prayers:*

Almighty God, merciful Father, who created and completed all things, on this day when the work of our calling begins anew, we implore You to create its beginning, direct its continuance, and bless its end, that our doings may be preserved from sin, our life sanctified, and our work this day be well pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Then go joyfully to your work.*

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