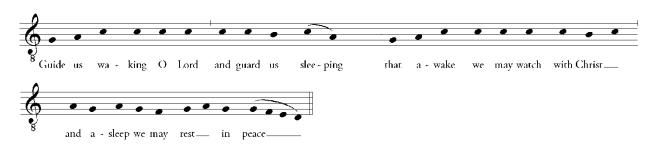
EVENSONG (ADAPTED) THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER NOTED (1550)

When the first Book of Common Prayer was published, in 1549, a need was felt for service music similar to that which had been used for the old Latin rites. So Archbishop Cranmer engaged one John Merbecke to provide such a collection of service music "containing so much of the Order of Common Prayer as is to be sung in Churches." Cranmer desired a simpler form of service music than was then current, urging Merbecke to have "for every syllable a note." — from http://Justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/Merbecke.htm

This prayer book was used only for a few years, but became very important for establishing the types of music to be used in Anglican services.

Since there are few Services (and Sext did not survive), we will do parts of the Service of Evensong. Evensong was later expanded with a separate service for Compline. *We will take our antiphon from there and mix in a few things from that service*.





Antiphon from Compline (usually precedes the Nunc dimittis)

Psalm 110 Dixit Dominus

The Lord said unto mý Lord:* Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemíes thy foot-stool

The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Síon:* be thou ruler, even in the midst amóng thine enemies.

In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship:* the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.

The Lord sware, and will not repént.* Thou art a priest for ever after the order óf Melchisedech.

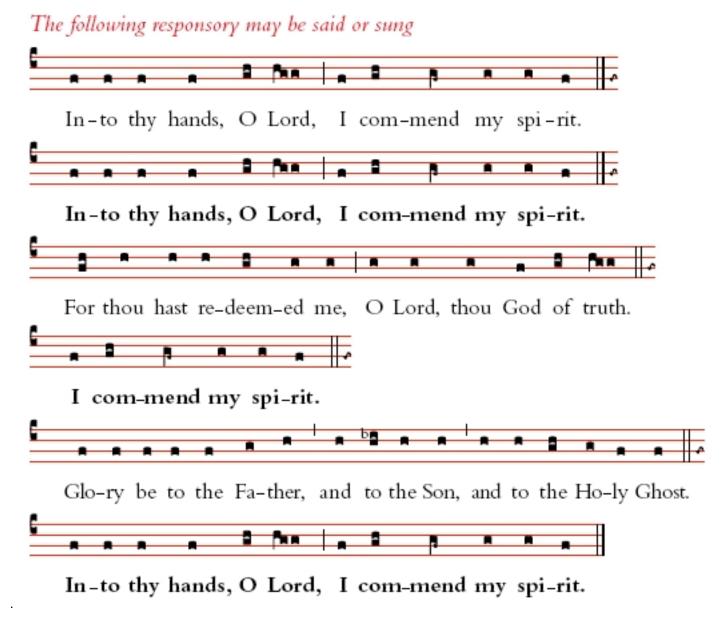
The Lord upon thy right hand:* shall wound even kings in the d*a*y of his wrath.

He shall judge among the héathen:* he shall fill the places with the dead bodies: and smite in sunder the heads óver diverse countries.

He shall drink of the brook in the wáy:* therefore sháll he *li*ft up his head.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Hóly Ghost:* As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Guide us... [repeat antiphon]



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Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Almighty and Merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us all. Amen.

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