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**Compline**

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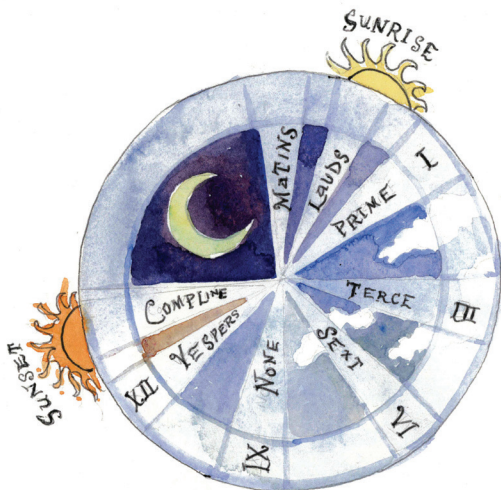
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## The Very Little Hours

Matins speaks from silence deep  
as Lauds, the dawning harvests reap  
Prime, our labors, girds with strength  
as Terce prepares our votive's length  
Sext bears the Cross on which Christ hung  
'til "it is finished" by None be sung  
Then Vespers lights the lamps of praise  
and Compline rests our pilgrim days  
Seven-a-Day I bow my chin  
and once at night to conquer sin.  
Amen.



# A Very Little Compline

## Incipit

May the almighty God grant me a blessing  
and a quiet night peaceful for resting  
and when life brings me to my final day  
may the Lord perfect it in every way.  
Amen.





## Lectio Brevis

May our passions be never inflamed  
nor our souls by the devil be maimed  
    who like a lion may roar  
    while we slumber and snore  
but our help's in the name of the Lord!

