

ST BOTOLPH

C A M B R I D G E



COMPLINE

Wednesday 21st October 2020 at 9.00pm

Officiant
Fr Stephen Anderson

The Cantors will be Laura Cantagalli, Jay Leach, David Link, Elisabeth Marksteiner and Tim Brown

The reader will be Hatty Harris
The Respondent on behalf of the congregation will be Jenny Josselyn

Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 868 5050 0239
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Zoom Etiquette:

- 1) Please join a few minutes before the service begins at 9.00pm, **unmuted**, and await admittance from the 'Waiting Room'. Ensure that you activate '**start video**'.
- 2) Once we begin, please **mute** your link to avoid background noise being transmitted to all

The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (completorium). It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. It is most effective when the ending is indeed an ending, without additions, conversation or noise. Those present go quietly to bed.

Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

R Amen.

Brethren, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith. *1 Peter V, vv.8,9*

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

R Thanks be to God.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R who hath made heaven and earth.

O God, make speed to save us.

R O Lord, make haste to help us.

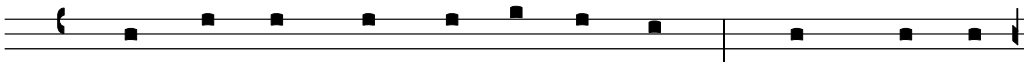
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

R as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

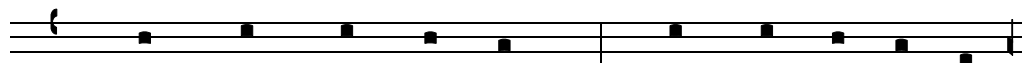
Praise ye the Lord.

R The Lord's name be praised.

Office Hymn



1. Be - fore the end - ing of the day, Cre - a - tor
2. From all ill dreams de - fend our eyes, From night - ly
3. O Fa - ther, that we ask be done, Through Je - sus



of the world, we pray That with thy won - ted
fears and fan - ta - sies; Tread un - der foot our
Christ, thine on - ly Son; Who, with the Ho - ly



fa - vour thou Wouldst be our guard and kee-per now.
ghost - ly foe, That no pol - lu - tion we may know.
Ghost and thee, Doth live and reign e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

The Word of God

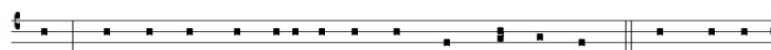
Psalm 90



LORD, thou hast been our refuge: from one generation to an - other. 2. Before



the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were



made: thou art God from everlasting, and world with-out end. 3. Thou turnest

man to destruction: a-gain thou sayest, Come a-gain, ye children of
men. 4. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday: seeing that
is past as a watch in the night. 5. As soon as thou scatterest them they are
even as a sleep: and fade a-way suddenly like the grass. 6. In the morning
it is green, and groweth up: but in the evening it is cut down, dried up,
and withered. 7. For we consume away in thy displeasure: and are afraid
at thy wrathful indig-nation. 8. Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee:
and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance. 9. For when thou art angry
all our days are gone: we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that
is told. 10. The days of our age are threescore years and ten; *and though
men be so strong that they come to fourscore years: yet is their strength then
but labour and sorrow; *so soon passeth it away, and we are gone. 11. But who
regardeth the power of thy wrath: for even thereaf-ter as a man feareth, so
is thy displeasure. 12. So teach us to number our days: that we may apply
our hearts unto wisdom. 13. Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last: and be
gracious unto thy servants. 14. O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon: so
shall we rejoyce and be glad all the days of our life. 15. Comfort us again now
after the time that thou hast plagued us: and for the years wherein we have
suffered ad-versi-ty. 16. Shew thy servants thy work: and their children thy glo-
ry. 17. And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou
the work of our hands up-on us, O prosper thou our handywork. Glory be
to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the be-
ginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen

A reading from the 1st chapter of the Epistle of St Paul to the Colossians, beginning at the first verse.

We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints, For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth: As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellow-servant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ; Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit. For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

R **Thanks be to God.**

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

R **Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

R **I commend my spirit.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R **Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**


Keep me as the apple of an eye.

R **Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.**

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)


Pre-serve us, O Lord while wa-king, and guard us while sleep-ing : that a-
wake we may watch with Christ, and a-sleep we may rest in peace.

Cantor *Choir*




1. Lord, now let - test thou thy ser - vant de - part in peace: ac - cord - ing to thy word.

3 *Cantor*




2. For mine eyes have seen: thy sal - va - tion.

5 *Choir*



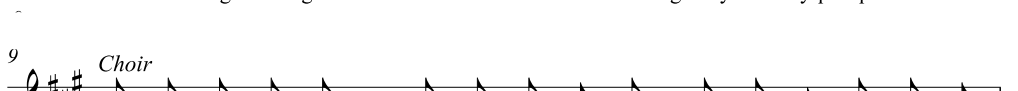
3. Which thou hast pre - pa - red: be - fore the face of all peo - ple.

7 *Cantor*



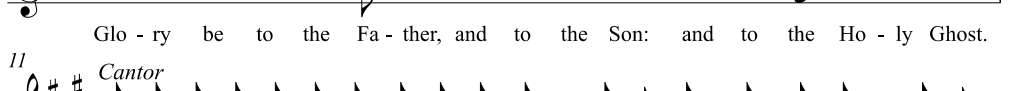
4. To be a light to Light-en the Gen-tiles: and to be the glo-ry of thy peo-ple Is - ra - el.

9 *Choir*




Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son: and to the Ho - ly Ghost.

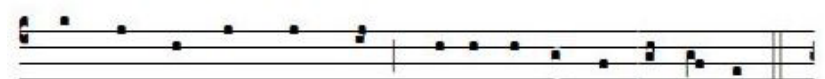
11 *Cantor*



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be: world with - out end. A - men.



Pre - serve us, O Lord while wa - king, and guard us while sleep - ing : that a -



wake we may watch with Christ, and a - sleep we may rest in peace.

¶ Please *unmute* sound

The Apostle's Creed

(said by all; please speak quietly to accommodate the niceties of Zoom)

I believe in God,

All The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Lord, have mercy upon us.

R Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

(said by all; please speak quietly to accommodate the niceties of Zoom)

Our Father

All which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

¶ *Please mute sound*

Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers:

R to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost:

R let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:

R to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

The almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing.

R Amen.

¶ *A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow*

Confession

We confess

R to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you + pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen.

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;

R that thy people may rejoice in thee?

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;

R and grant us thy salvation.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin;

R O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, hear our prayer;

R and let our cry come unto thee

Let us pray.

Look down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep this night and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, sustain the dying, calm the suffering and pity the distressed; all for your love's sake, O Christ our Redeemer.

R Amen.

The Conclusion

We will lay us down in peace and take our rest.

R For it is thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, O Lord,

R for it is toward evening and the day is far spent.

As the watchmen look for the morning,

R so do we look for thee, O Christ.

The Lord be with you

R and with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

Hymn NEH 407 *Lord thy word abideth*

The congregation is encouraged to sing the hymn, but **muted** please!

A - men.

CREATOR of the earth and sky,
Ruling the firmament on high,
Clothing the day with robes of light,
Blessing with gracious sleep the night,

- 2 That rest may comfort weary men,
And brace to useful toil again,
And soothe awhile the harassed mind,
And sorrow's heavy load unbind:
- 3 Day sinks; we thank thee for thy gift;
Night comes; and once again we lift
Our prayer and vows and hymns that we
Against all ills may shielded be.
- 4 That when black darkness closes day,
And shadows thicken round our way,
Faith may no darkness know, and night
From faith's clear beam may borrow light.
- 5 Pray we the Father and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One;
Blest Trinity, whom all obey,
Guard thou thy sheep by night and day. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, bless us and preserve us.

All Amen.

¶ *The congregation departs in silence*

Music for private reflection

S Rachmaninov - Nunc Dimittis(from the All-night Vigil)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oh4UTdyansM>