

ST BOTOLPH

C A M B R I D G E



COMPLINE

Wednesday 18th November 2020 at 9.00pm

Officiant
Fr Stephen Anderson

The Cantors will be Simon Lowell-Jones with students Nia Bhatia & Naomi Bridges-Jones

The Reader and Respondent on behalf of the congregation will be Eleanor and Alan Rayden

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86064621039?pwd=c2FjRk1wM2sybUtCVTBGR0VWVYVdHQOT09>

Meeting ID: 860 6462 1039
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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, until the Creed, which we all say together, and the following Lord's Prayer, after which please mute yourself once more.

¶ 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.

Welcome by Father Stephen

Preparation

Charles Villiers Stanford *O for a closer walk*
(John Rutter, The Cambridge Singers)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LP_KjpYAvZo

O FOR a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

2 Return, O holy Dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

3 The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne,
And worship only thee.

4 So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

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.

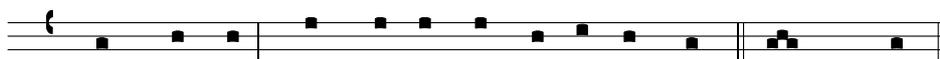
Office Hymn



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



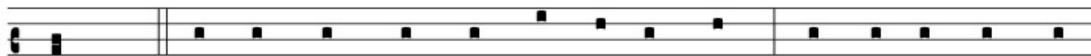
fa - your thou Wouldst be our guard and kee - per now.
ghost - ly foe, That no pol - lu - tion we may know.
Ghost and thee, Doth live and reign e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

The Word of God

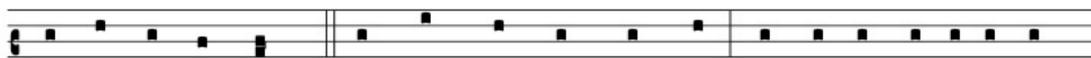
Psalm 34, vv. 1-8



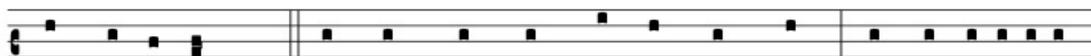
I WILL always give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall ev - er be in my



mouth. 2. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear



thereof, and be glad. 3. O praise the Lord with me: and let us magni - fy his



Name together. 4. I sought the Lord, and he heard me: yea, he delivered



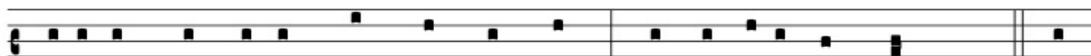
me out of all my fear. 5. They had an eye unto him, and were lightened: and



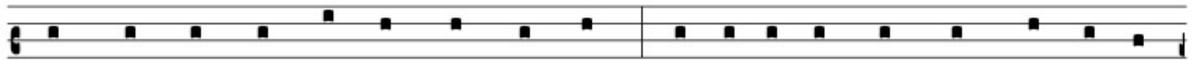
their faces were not ashamed. 6. Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth



him: yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles. 7. The angel of the Lord



tarrieth round about them that fear him: and de - liver - eth them. 8. O



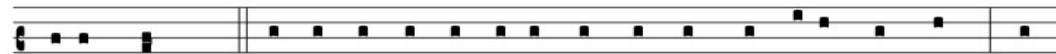
taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in



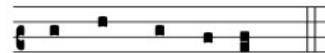
him.



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the



Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world



without end. Amen

A reading from the eleventh chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, beginning at the first verse:

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

R Thanks be to God.

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

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

R I commend my spirit.

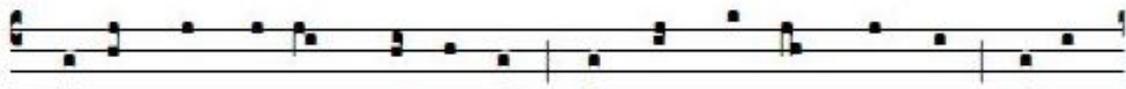
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

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.



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



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



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



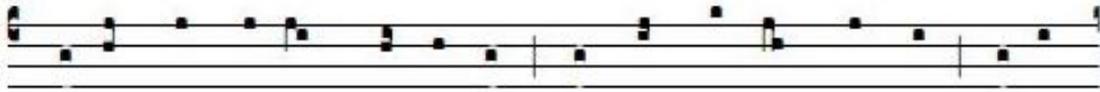
4. To be a light to Light-en the Gen-tiles: and to be the glo-ry of thy peo-ple Is - ra - el.



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



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



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¶ 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

(respondent only)

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 152 *Creator of the earth and sky*

(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

Eric Whitacre *Sleep*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yw5gupbe9E0>

