

ST BOTOLPH

C A M B R I D G E



COMPLINE

Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 9.00pm

Officiant
Fr Stephen Anderson

The Cantors will be Tim Brown and Canon David Link, Precentor, Sacramento Cathedral, U.S.A.

The Reader and Respondent will be Elisabeth Marksteiner

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82493747357?pwd=U3AzT3l2VStwVEs0b3YwZXZRWUVudz09>

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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

Hymn NEH 8 *Lift up your heads*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=klsiJerEL7w>

L IFT up your heads, ye mighty gates; Behold, the King of glory waits; The King of kings is drawing near; The Saviour of the world is here!	2 O blest the Land, the city blest, Where Christ as ruler is confessed; O happy hearts and happy homes To whom this king in triumph comes.
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3 Come then, O Saviour, and abide,
Our hearts to thee be open wide;
May all thy inward presence feel,
To all thy grace and love reveal.

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.

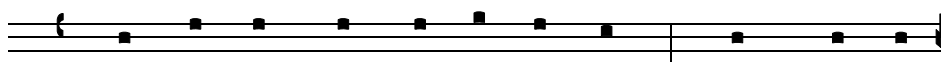
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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 25



UNTO thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in



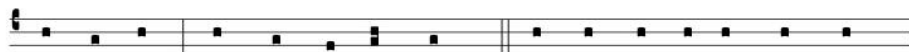
thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine ene - mies triumph



o - ver me. 2. For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed: but



such as transgress without a cause shall be put to con - fu - sion. 3. Shew me thy



ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths. 4. Lead me forth in thy truth, and



learn me: for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope



all the day long. 5. Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies: and thy



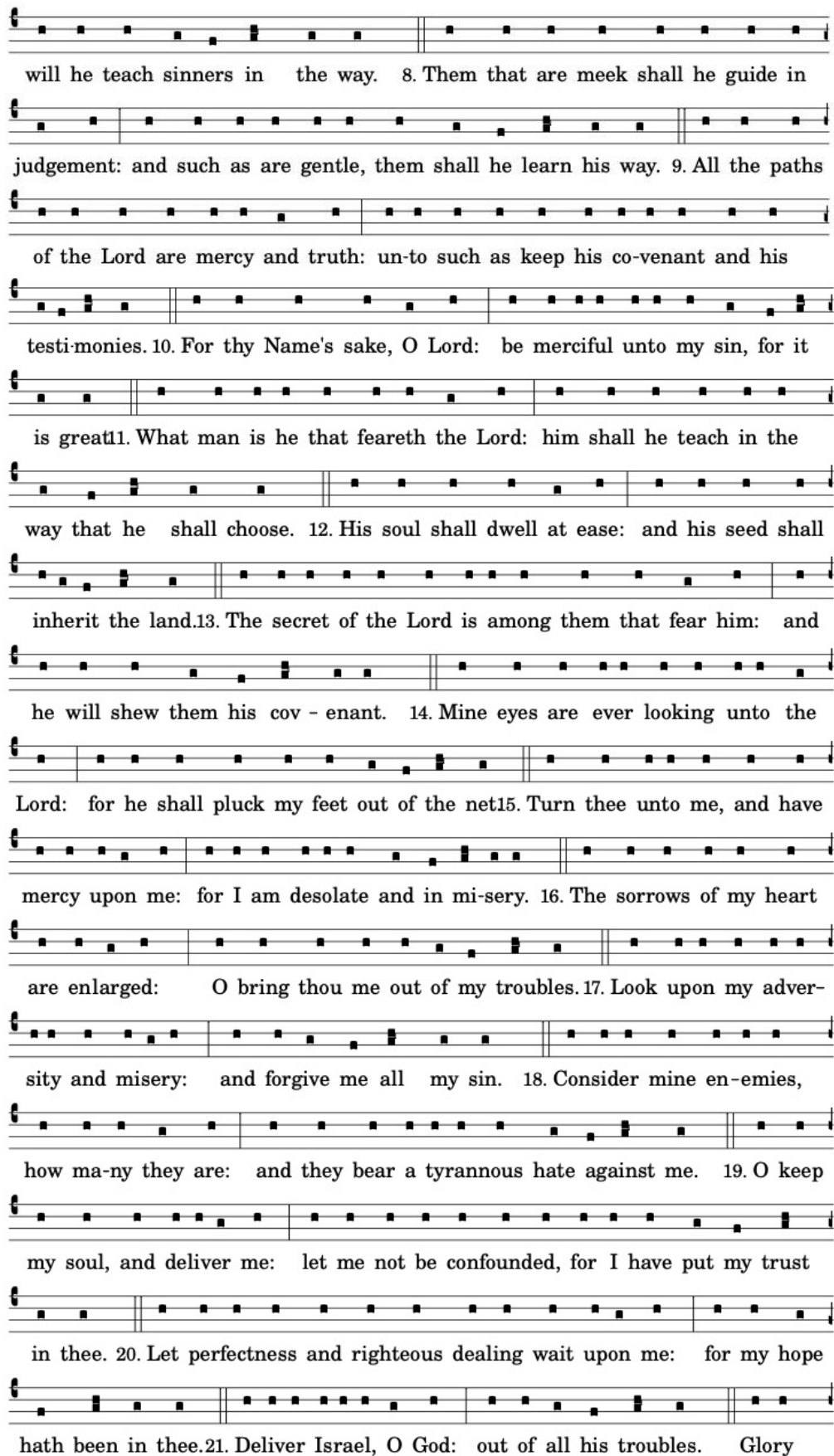
loving - kindnesses, which have been ev - er of old. 6. O remember not the



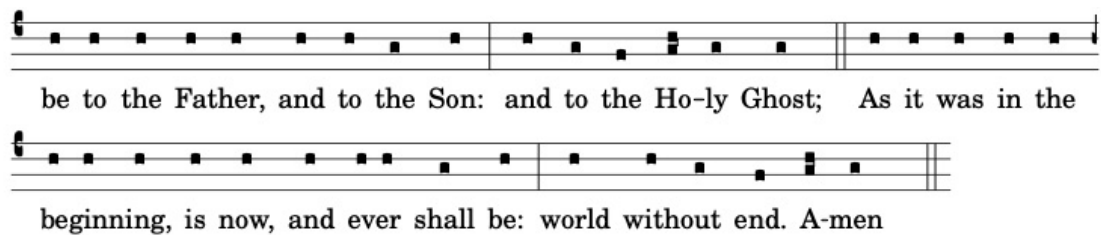
sins and of - fences of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou upon



me, O Lord, for thy goodness. 7. Gracious and righteous is the Lord: therefore



will he teach sinners in the way. 8. Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement: and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way. 9. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth: un-to such as keep his co-venant and his testi-monies. 10. For thy Name's sake, O Lord: be merciful unto my sin, for it is great. 11. What man is he that feareth the Lord: him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. 12. His soul shall dwell at ease: and his seed shall inherit the land. 13. The secret of the Lord is among them that fear him: and he will shew them his cov - enant. 14. Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord: for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. 15. Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and in mi-sery. 16. The sorrows of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my troubles. 17. Look upon my adver-sity and misery: and forgive me all my sin. 18. Consider mine en-emies, how ma-ny they are: and they bear a tyrannous hate against me. 19. O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee. 20. Let perfectness and righteous dealing wait upon me: for my hope hath been in thee. 21. Deliver Israel, O God: out of all his troubles. Glory



A reading from the twenty-fifth chapter of the Book of Isaiah, beginning at the first verse.

O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. For thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built. Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee. For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low. And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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.

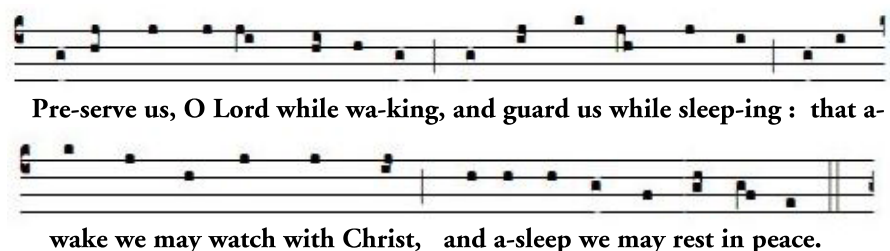
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R Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.


Keep me as the apple of an eye.

R Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)




Cantor *Choir*



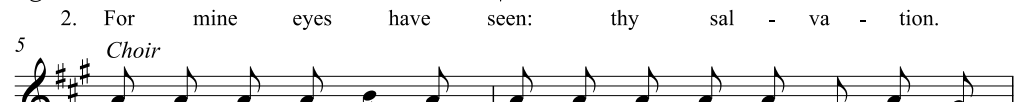
1. Lord, now let - test thou thy ser - vant de - part in peace: ac - cord - ing to thy word.

3 *Cantor*



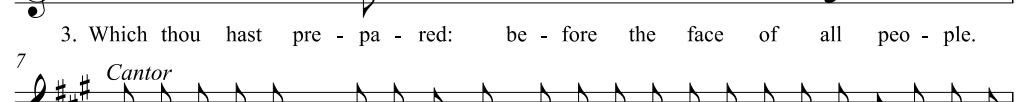
2. For mine eyes have seen: thy sal - va - tion.

5 *Choir*



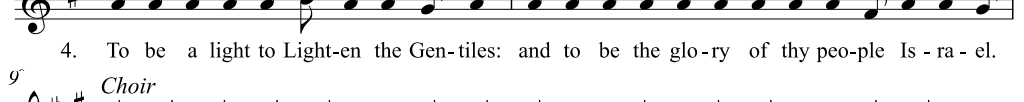
3. Which thou hast pre - pa - red: be - fore the face of all peo - ple.

7 *Cantor*



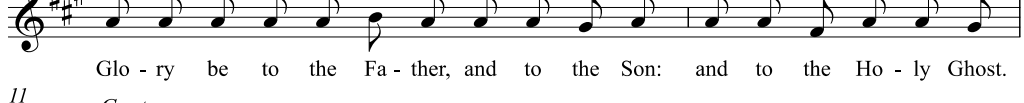
4. To be a light to Light-en the Gen-tiles: and to be the glo-ry of thy peo-ple Is - ra - el.

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

(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.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.

R Amen.

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 1 *Creator of the stars of night*

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

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

1 Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
Jesu, Redeemer, save us all,
And hear Thy servants when they call.

2 Thou, grieving that the bitter cry
Of all creation doomed to die,
Didst come to save a ruined race
With healing gifts of heavenly grace.

3 Thou camest, Bridegroom of the bride,
As drew the world to evening tide,
proceeding from a virgin shrine,
The Son of Man, yet Lord divine.

4 At thy great Name, exalted now,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
And things in heaven and earth shall own,
That thou art Lord and King alone.

5 To thee, O holy One, we pray,
Our judge in that tremendous day,
Preserve us, while we dwell below,
From every onslaught of the foe.

6 All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore. 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 silen*

Music for private reflection

arr. Jan Sandström *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ov1nNCzOibA>

