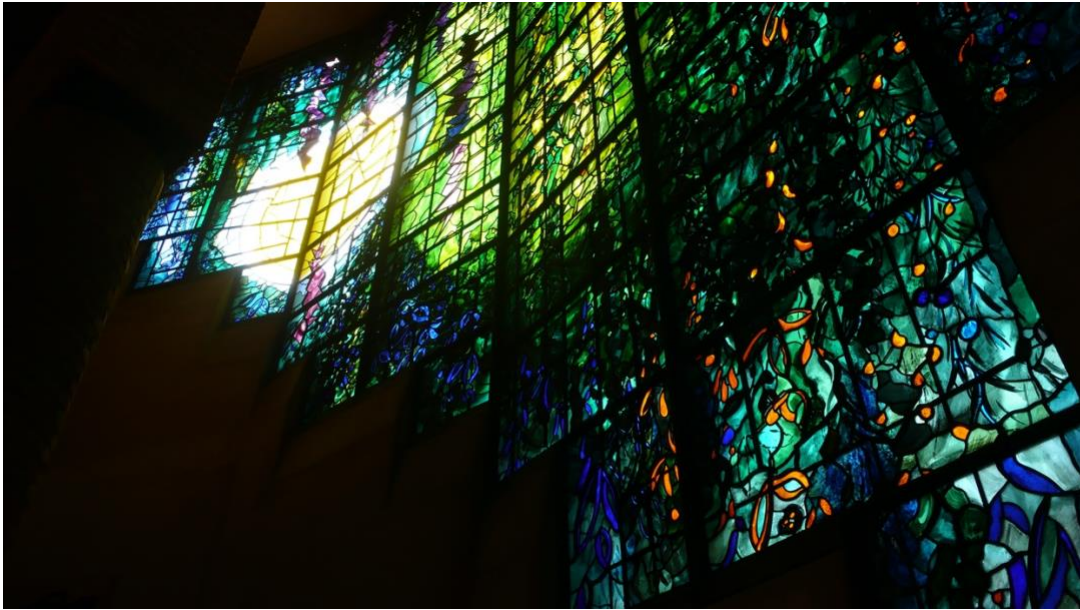


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John Piper *Light of the World* Robinson College, Cambridge

COMPLINE

IN EASTERTIDE

Wednesday 14th April 2021 at 9.00pm

Officiant

Ben O'Neill

Cantors: Tim Brown, Elisabeth Marksteiner and Peter Patrick

Reader: Adrian Dixon

Respondent (on behalf of the congregation): Jenny Josselyn

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82223219862?pwd=Y0J5cFYraVJ2Q285c2c4SE82VTR2Zz09>

Meeting ID: **822 2321 9862**

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Zoom Etiquette:

- 1) The ZOOM room will be open from 8.45pm, which will give you the chance to socialise briefly with other members of the congregation before the service. Please join **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 most effective when the ending is indeed an ending, without additions, conversation or noise. Those present go quietly to bed.

Welcome by Ben O'Neill

Preparation

Hymn NEH 101 *The Lamb's high banquet we await*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHKHdN6JnXI>

1 The Lamb's high banquet we await
In snow-white robes of royal state,
And now, the Red Sea's channel past,
To Christ our Prince we sing at last.

2 Upon the altar of the Cross
His Body has redeemed our loss,
And tasting of his precious Blood,
Our life is hid with Christ in God.

3 That Paschal eve God's arm was bared,
The devastating angel spared;
By strength of hand our hosts went free
From Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.

4 Now Christ our Passover is slain,
The Lamb of God that knows no stain,
And he, the true unleavened Bread,
Is truly our oblation made.

5 *O thou from whom hell's monarch flies,
O great, O very Sacrifice,
Thy captive people are set free,
And endless life restored in thee.

6 *For Christ, arising from the dead,
From conquered hell victorious sped,
He thrusts the tyrant down to chains,
And Paradise for man regains.

7 Maker of all, to thee we pray,
Fulfil in s thy joy today;
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we
May share thy Paschal victory.

8 To thee who, dead, again dost live,
All glory, Lord, thy people give,
All glory to the Father be
And spirit blest, eternally. Amen.

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.

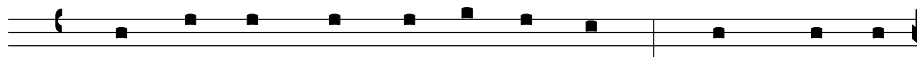
R O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

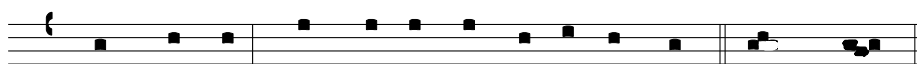
R The Lord's name be praised.



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

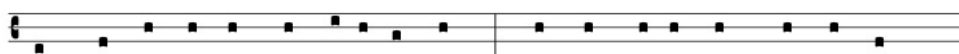


of the world, we pray That with thy won - ted
 fears and fan - ta - sies; Tread un - der foot our
 Christ, thine on - ly Son; Who, with the Ho - ly



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.

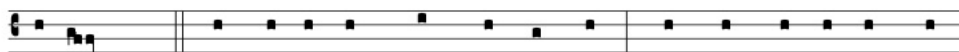
The Word of God Psalm 19



THE heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his



handy-work. 2. One day telleth ano-ther: and one night cer-ti-fi-eth an-



other. 3. There is neither speech nor language: but their voic-es are heard



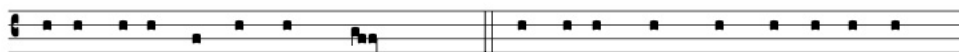
a-mong them. 4. Their sound is gone out into all lands: and their



words into the ends of the world. 5. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the



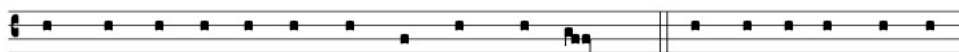
sun: which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, *and rejoiceth



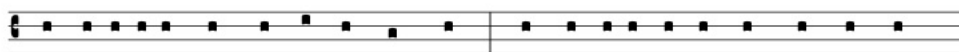
as a giant to run his course. 6. It goeth forth from the ut-termost



part of the heaven, *and runneth about unto the end of it again:



and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof. 7. The law of the Lord is



an unde-filed law, converting the soul: the tes-timo-ny of the Lord is sure,

and giveth wisdom un-to the simple. 8. The statutes of the Lord are right,
and rejoyce the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light
unto the eyes. 9. The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever:
the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous alto-gether. 10. More
to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than
honey, and the honey- comb. 11. Moreover, by them is thy servant taught: and
in keeping of them there is great reward. 12. Who can tell how oft he
offendeth: O cleanse thou me from my secret faults. 13. Keep thy servant
also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me: so shall
I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence. 14. Let the words of my
mouth, and the medi-tation of my heart: be alway acceptable in thy sight,
15. O Lord my strength, and my redeemer. Glory be to the Father, and to
the Son: and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be: world without end. Amen

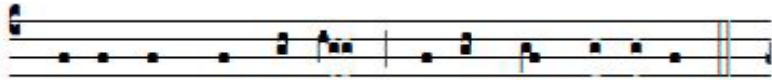
A reading from the twenty-eighth chapter of the Gospel according to St Matthew, beginning at the first verse.

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre .And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word. And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

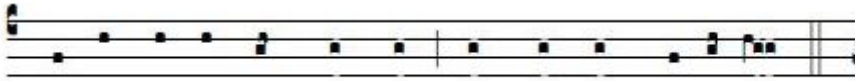
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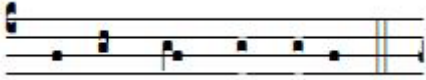
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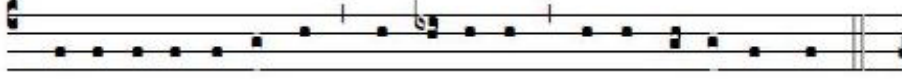
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For thou hast re-deem-ed me : O Lord, thou God of truth.



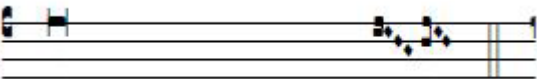
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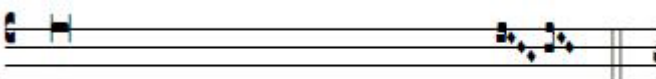
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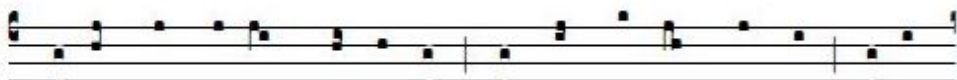
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Keep me as the apple of an eye_____.



Hide me under the shadow of thy wings_____.



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.

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)



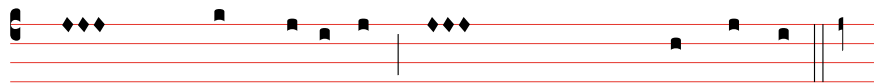
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace ;



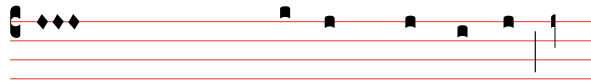
according to thy word.



For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;



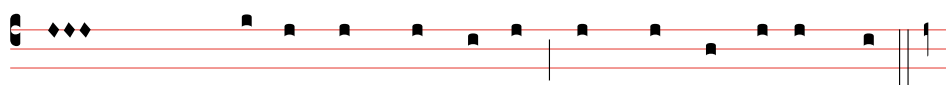
Which thou hast prepar-ed; before the face of all people;



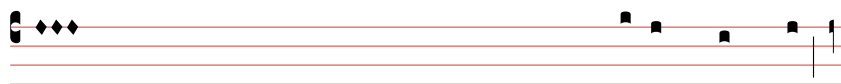
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:



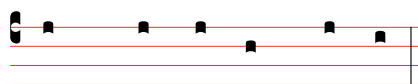
and to be the glory of thy peo-ple Isra-el.



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



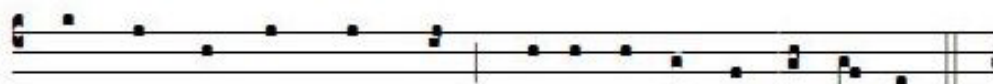
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The Apostle's Creed

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

I BELIEVE in God,
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.

All Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

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:
to be praised and glorified above all for ever.
Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
let us praise and magnify him for ever.
Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:
to be praised and glorified above all for ever.
The almighty and most merciful Lord guard us
and give us his blessing. **Amen.**

The Confession

¶ *Please unmute sound*

We confess

All 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. Amen.

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R **Amen.**

¶ *Please **mute** sound*

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 102 *A brighter dawn is breaking*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97rR9VOW45Y>



A BRIGHTER dawn is breaking,
And earth with praise is waking;
For thou, O King most highest,
The power of death defiest;

- 2 And thou hast come victorious,
With risen Body glorious,
Who now for ever livest,
And life abundant givest.
- 3 O free the world from blindness,
And fill the world with kindness,
Give sinners resurrection,
Bring striving to perfection;
- 4 In sickness give us healing,
In doubt thy clear revealing,
That praise to thee be given
In earth as in thy heaven.

¶ Please *unmute* sound

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

Ralph Vaughan Williams *Rise Heart*, from *Five Mystical Songs* (George Herbert)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cp3UtkkbQak>