

ST BOTOLPH

C A M B R I D G E



COMPLINE

Wednesday 18th August 2021 at 9.00pm

Officiant
Fr Stephen

Cantors: Tim Brown, Andrew Neck and Jim Bumgardner
Reader: Elisabeth Marksteiner
and Respondent (on behalf of the congregation): Libber Bradshaw

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 820 7545 2988

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Zoom manager and host: David Eastwood

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 Fr Stephen

Preparation

Hymn NEH 152 *Creator of the earth and sky*

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 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.

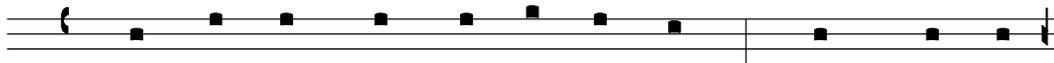
R O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

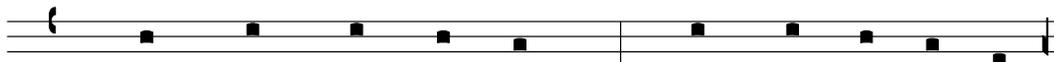
R as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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



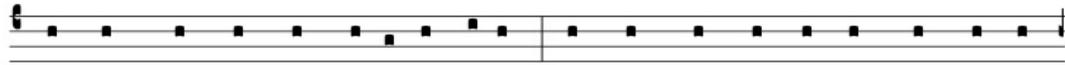
fa - vour thou Wouldst be our guard and kee - per now.
ghost - ly foe, That no pol - lu - tion we may know.
Ghost and thee, Doth live and reign e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

The Word of God

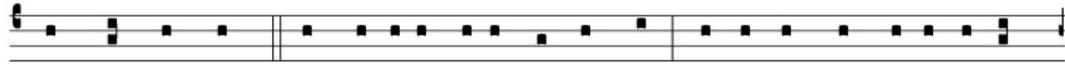
Psalm 86



BOW down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: for I am poor, and in misery.



2. Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy: my God, save thy servant that putteth



his trust in thee. 3. Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I will call daily up-on



thee. 4. Comfort the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my



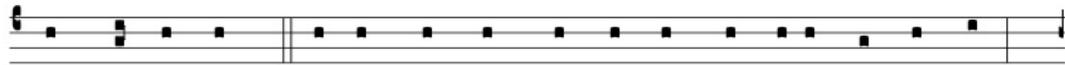
soul. 5. For thou, Lord, art good and gracious: and of great mercy unto all them



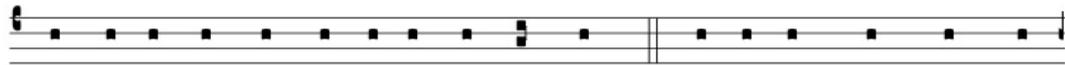
that call upon thee. 6. Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer: and ponder the voice



of my humble desires. 7. In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee: for



thou hearest me. 8. Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord:



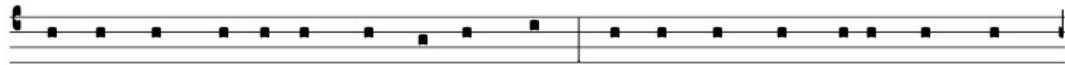
there is not one that can do as thou do - est. 9. All nations whom thou hadst



made shall come and worship thee, O Lord: and shall glori-fy thy Name. 10. For



thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone. 11. Teach me thy



way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth: O knit my heart unto thee, that



I may fear thy Name. 12. I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my

heart: and will praise thy Name for ev-ermore.¹³ For great is thy mercy toward
me: and thou hast de-liver-ed my soul from the ne-thermost hell.

14. O God, the proud are risen against me: and the congregations of naughty
men have sought after my soul, *and have not set thee before their eyes¹⁵. But
thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy: long- suffering, plenteous
in goodness and truth. 16. O turn thee then unto me, and have mer-cy
up - on me: give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thine
handmaid. 17. Shew some to-ken up-on me for good, that they who hate me may
see it and be ashamed: because thou, Lord, hast holpen me and comfort-ed
me. 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. A-men

Reading

A reading from the eighth Book of Proverbs, beginning at the first verse.

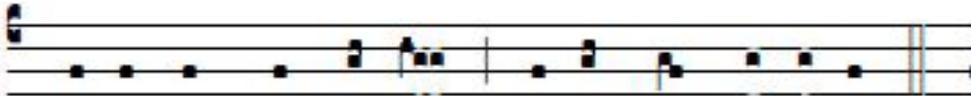
DOTH not wisdom cry? And understanding put forth her voice? She standeth in the top of high places, by the way In the places of the paths. She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, At the coming in at the doors. Unto you, O men, I call; And my voice is to the sons of man. O ye simple, understand wisdom: And, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart. Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; And the opening of my lips shall be right things. For my mouth shall speak truth; And wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; There is nothing froward or perverse in them. They are all plain to him that understandeth, And right to them that find knowledge. Receive my instruction, and not silver; And knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better than rubies; And all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. I wisdom dwell with prudence, And find out knowledge of witty inventions. The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: Pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, And the froward mouth, do I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. By me kings reign, And princes decree justice.

By me princes rule, And nobles, even all the judges of the earth. I love them that love me; And those that seek me early shall find me. Riches and honour are with me; Yea, durable riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; And my revenue than choice silver. I lead in the way of righteousness, In the midst of the paths of judgment: That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; And I will fill their treasures.

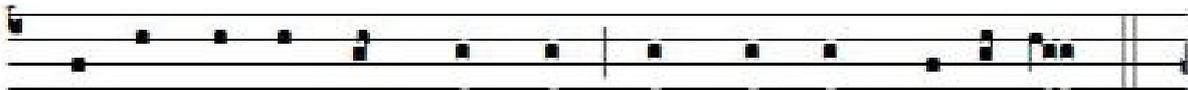
R **Thanks be to God.**



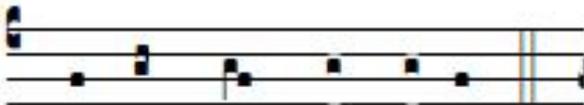
In-to thy hands, O Lord : I com-mend my spi-rit.



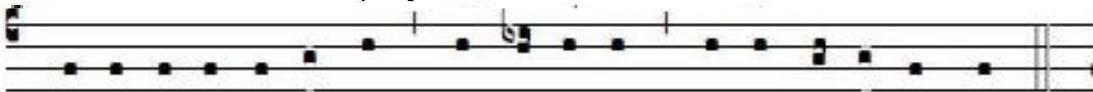
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For thou hast re-deem-ed me : O Lord, thou God of truth.



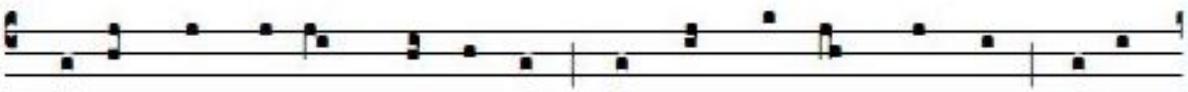
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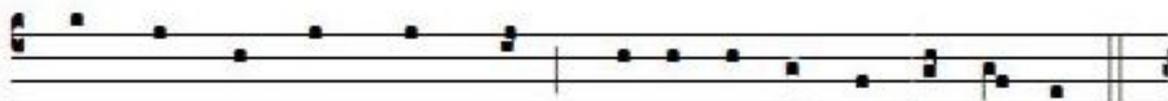
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



In-to thy hands, O Lord : I com-mend my spi-rit.



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.



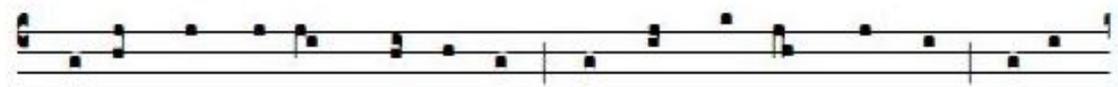
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The Apostle's Creed

(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.

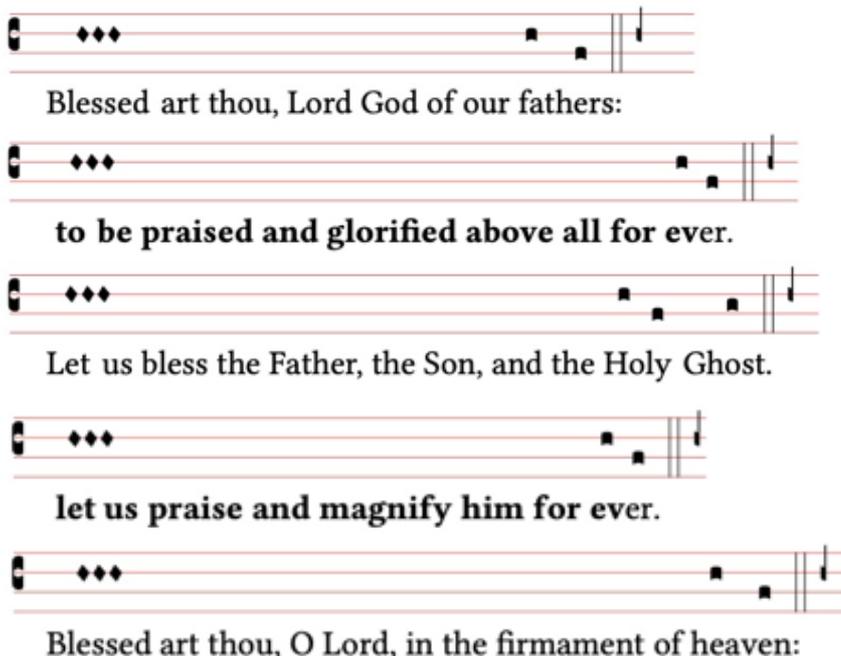
All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

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.**

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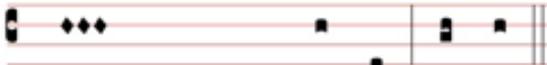
Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers:
to be praised and glorified above all for ever.
Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
let us praise and magnify him for ever.
Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:



to be praised and glorified above all for ever.



The almighty and most merciful Lord guard us



and give us his blessing. Amen.

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The Confession

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.

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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 392 *Lead kindly Light*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WklUMB6ZpGM>

LEAD, kindly Light, amid the encircling
gloom,
Lead thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead thou me on.
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

2 I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou
Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now
Lead thou me on.
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

3 So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

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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

Henry Purcell *O Lord God of hosts*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CC1ujd-gbJc>

O Lord God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth? Thou feedest them with the bread of tears and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink. Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours : and our enemies laugh us to scorn. Turn us again, O God of hosts; shew the light of thy countenance and we shall be whole. And so will we not go back from thee. O let us live, and we shall call upon thy name.

Psalm 80 vv. 4 - 7, 18