

ST BOTOLPH

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COMPLINE FOR ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Wednesday 29th September 2021 at 9.00pm

Officiant
Fr Stephen

Cantors: Tim Brown and Elisabeth Marksteiner
Reader and Respondent: Lee Meyer

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82075452988?pwd=Vjh0V1BpdmVTTW1ieVFKNllPaXZKZz09>
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

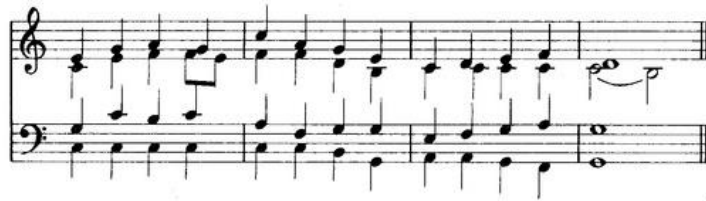
¶ The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (completorium). It is most effective when the ending is indeed an ending, without additions, conversation or noise. Those present go quietly to bed.

Welcome Fr Stephen

Preparation

HYMN NEH 273 *Angel voices, ever singing*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BK9E7CJDx-c>



ANGEL-VOICES ever singing
Round thy throne of light,
Angel-harps for ever ringing,
Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless thee
And confess thee
Lord of might.

2 Thou who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
And wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.

3 For we know that thou rejoicest
O'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
For thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music's measure
For thy pleasure
All combine.

4 In thy house, great God, we offer
 Of thine own to thee;
 And for thine acceptance proffer
 All unworthily
 Hearts and minds and hands and voices
 In our choicest
 Psalmody.

5 Honour, glory, might and merit
 Thine shall ever be,
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
 Blessed Trinity.
 Of the best which thou hast given
 Earth and heaven
 Render thee.

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



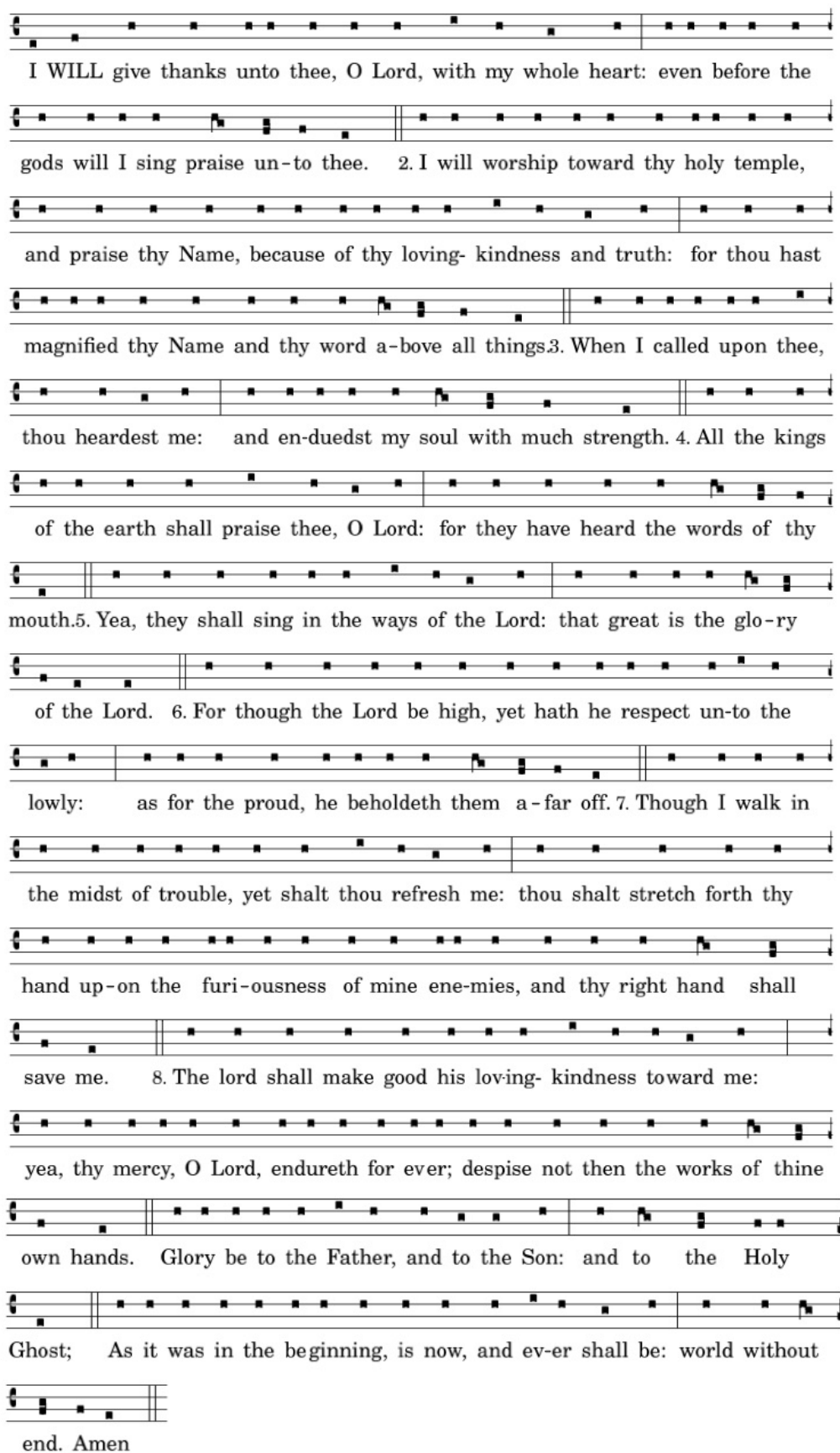
of the world, we pray That with thy won - ted
 fears and fan - ta - sies; Tread un - der foot our
 Christ, thine on - ly Son; Who, with the Ho - ly



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 138



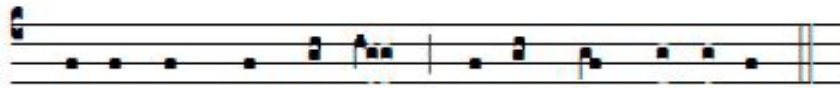
I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: even before the gods will I sing praise un-to thee. 2. I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth: for thou hast magnified thy Name and thy word a-bove all things³. When I called upon thee, thou heardest me: and en-duedst my soul with much strength. 4. All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord: for they have heard the words of thy mouth.⁵ Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: that great is the glo-ry of the Lord. 6. For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect un-to the lowly: as for the proud, he beholdeth them a-far off. 7. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me: thou shalt stretch forth thy hand up-on the furi-ousness of mine ene-mies, and thy right hand shall save me. 8. The lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me: yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of thine own hands. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be: world without end. Amen

Reading

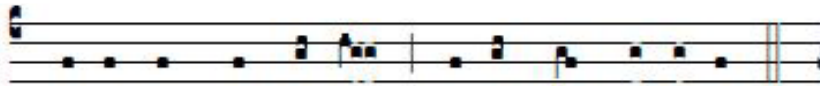
A reading from the fifth chapter of the Book of Revelation of St John the Divine, beginning at the eleventh verse.

AND I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

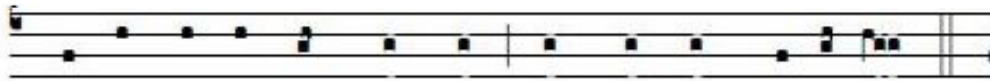
R **Thanks be to God.**



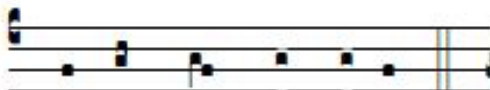
In-to thy hands, O Lord : I com-mend my spi-rit.



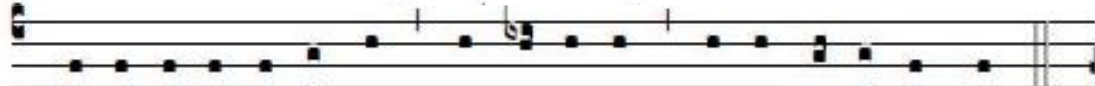
In-to thy hands, O Lord : I com-mend my spi-rit.



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



I com-mend my spi-rit.



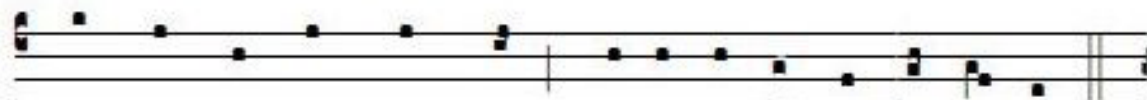
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



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-

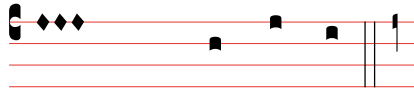


wake we may watch with Christ, and a-sleep we may rest in peace.

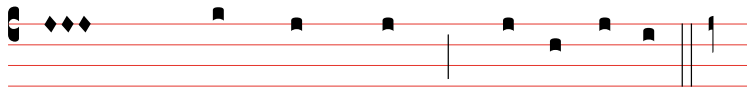
Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)



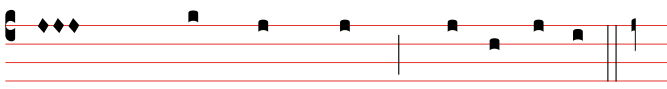
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace ;



according to thy word.



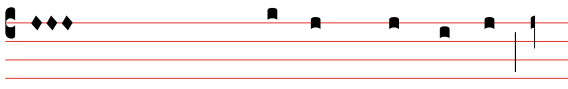
For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;



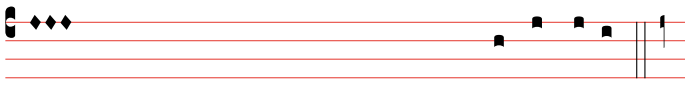
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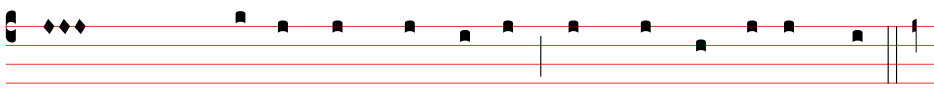
Which thou hast prepar-ed; before the face of all people;



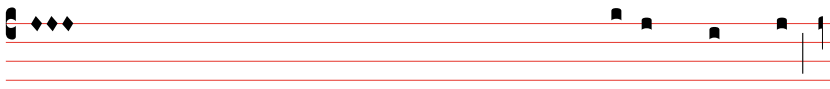
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:



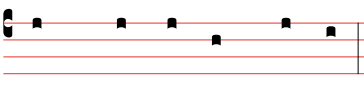
and to be the glory of thy peo-ple Isra-el.



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



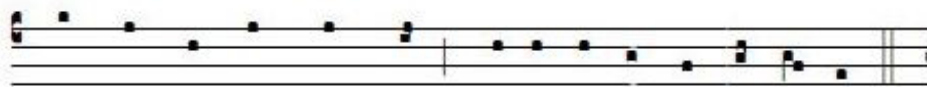
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:



world without end. Amen.



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.

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The Apostle's Creed

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

IBELIEVE 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.

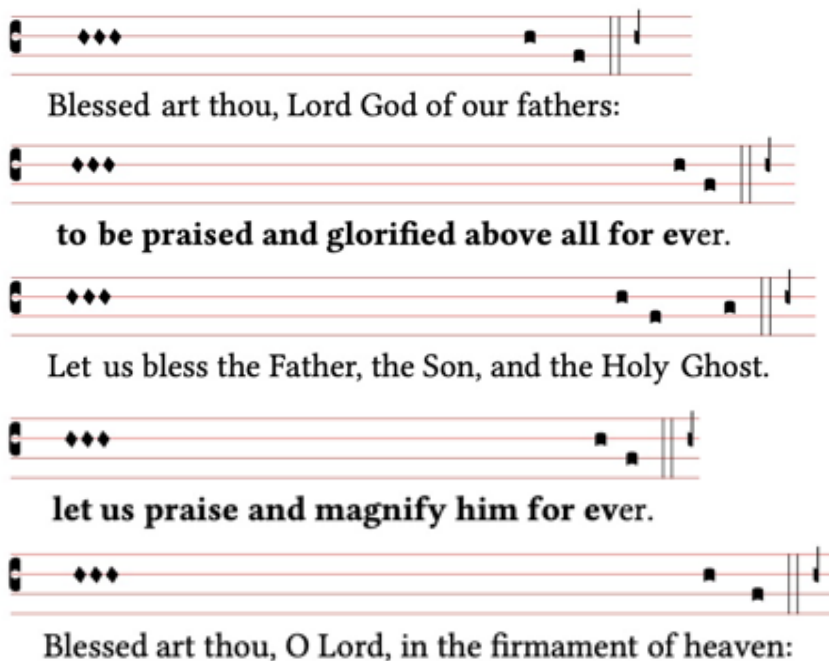
All Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

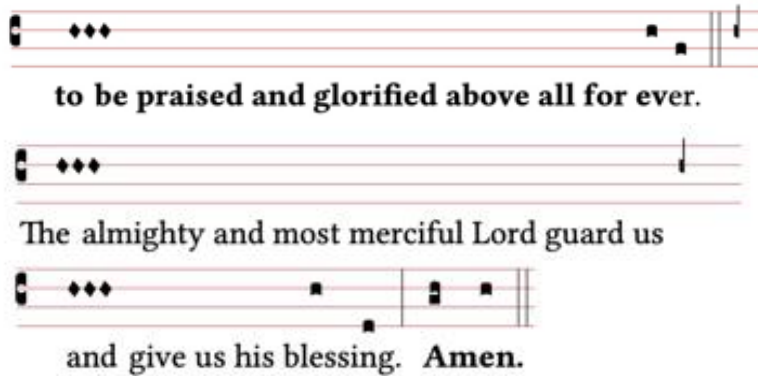
The Lord's Prayer

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:



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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 343 *Bright the vision that delighted*

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| 1 Bright the vision that delighted
Once the sight of Judah's seer;
Sweet the countless tongues united
To entrance the prophet's ear. | 4 Heaven is still with glory ringing,
Earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, Holy, Holy,' singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.' |
| 2 Round the Lord in glory seated
Cherubim and seraphim
Filled his temple, and repeated
Each to each the alternate hymn: | 5 With his seraph train before him,
With his holy Church below,
Thus unite we to adore him,
Bid we thus our anthem flow: |
| 3 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.' | 6 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.' |

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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
Basil Harwood *O how glorious*
[\ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQ7nsJXw-nI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQ7nsJXw-nI)

O how glorious is the kingdom wherein all the saints rejoice in Christ; clothed in white robes they follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.