

ST BOTOLPH

C A M B R I D G E



COMPLINE

Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 9.00pm

Officiant
Fr Stephen

Cantors: Tim Brown and Clarke Brunt

Reader David Berry

Respondent Jenny Josselyn

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 144 *Father, most holy*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVar3rV4ic>

FATHER most holy, merciful and tender;
Jesus our Saviour, with the Father reigning;
Spirit all-kindly, Advocate, Defender,
Light never waning;

- 2 Trinity sacred, Unity unshaken;
Deity perfect, giving and forgiving,
Light of the angels, Life of the forsaken,
Hope of all living;
- 3 Maker of all things, all thy creatures praise thee;
Lo, all things serve thee through thy whole creation:
Hear us, Almighty, hear us as we raise thee
Heart's adoration.
- 4 To the all-ruling triune God be glory:
Highest and greatest, help thou our endeavour,
We too would praise thee, giving honour worthy,
Now and for ever. 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.

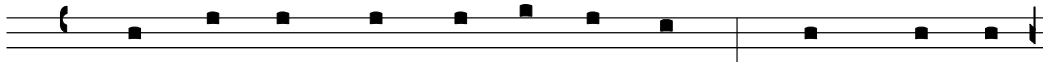
R O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

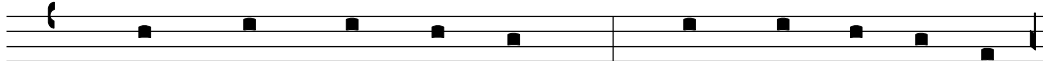
R as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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



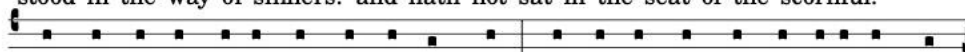
fa - vour thou Wouldst be our guard and kee - per now.
 ghost - ly foe, That no pol - lu - tion we may know.
 Ghost and thee, Doth live and reign e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

The Word of God

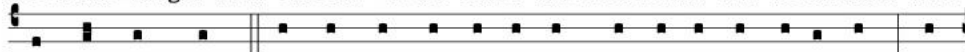
Psalm 1



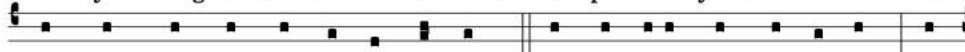
BLESSED is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, *nor
 stood in the way of sinners: and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.



2. But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law will he exercise him-



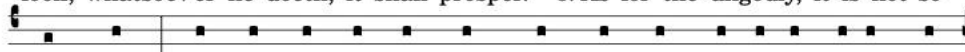
self day and night. 3. And he shall be like a tree planted by the waterside: that



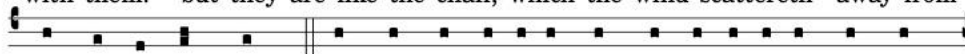
will bring forth his fruit in due season. 4. His leaf also shall not wither: and



look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper. 5. As for the ungodly, it is not so



with them: but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from



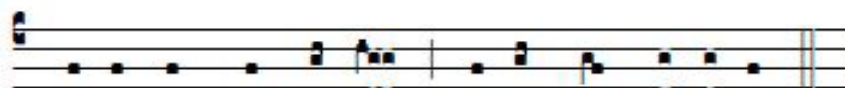
the face of the earth.6. Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in
the judgement: neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 7. But
the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: and the way of the ungodly
shall perish. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy
Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without
end. A-men

Reading

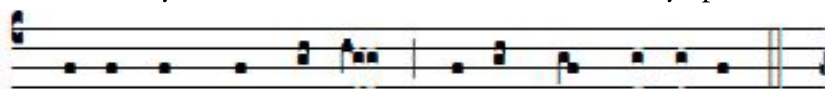
A reading from the first chapter of the wisdom of Solomon, beginning at the first verse.

LOVE righteousness, ye that be judges of the earth: think of the Lord with a good heart, and in simplicity of heart seek him. For he will be found of them that tempt him not; and sheweth himself unto such as do not distrust him. For forward thoughts separate from God: and his power, when it is tried, reproveth the unwise. For into a malicious soul wisdom shall not enter; nor dwell in the body that is subject unto sin. For the holy spirit of discipline will flee deceit, and remove from thoughts that are without understanding, and will not abide when unrighteousness cometh in. For wisdom is a loving spirit; and will not acquit a blasphemer of his words: for God is witness of his reins, and a true beholder of his heart, and a hearer of his tongue. For the Spirit of the Lord filleth the world: and that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice. Therefore he that speaketh unrighteous things cannot be hid: neither shall vengeance, when it punisheth, pass by him. For inquisition shall be made into the counsels of the ungodly: and the sound of his words shall come unto the Lord for the manifestation of his wicked deeds. For the ear of jealousy heareth all things: and the noise of murmurings is not hid. Therefore beware of murmuring, which is unprofitable; and refrain your tongue from backbiting: for there is no word so secret, that shall go for nought: and the mouth that believeth slayeth the soul. Seek not death in the error of your life: and pull not upon yourselves destruction with the works of your hands. For God made not death: neither hath he pleasure in the destruction of the living. For he created all things, that they might have their being: and the generations of the world were healthful; and there is no poison of destruction in them, nor the kingdom of death upon the earth: For righteousness is immortal: But ungodly men with their works and words called it to them: for when they thought to have it their friend, they consumed to nought, and made a covenant with it, because they are worthy to take part with it.

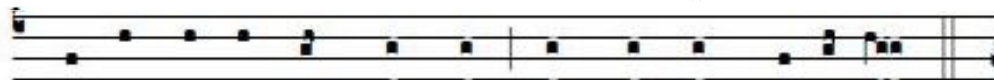
R **Thanks be to God.**



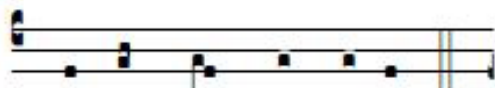
In-to thy hands, O Lord : I com-mend my spi-rit.



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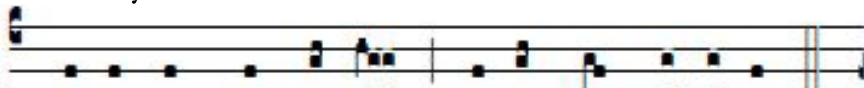
For thou hast re-deem-ed me : O Lord, thou God of truth.



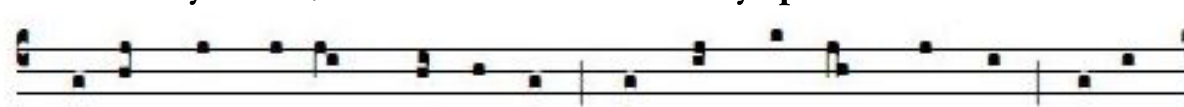
I com-mend my spi-rit.



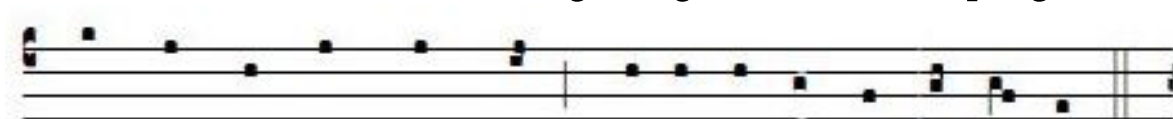
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



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.

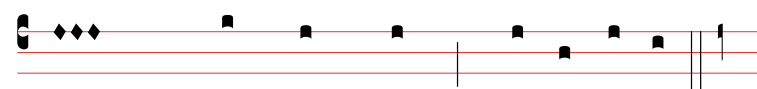
Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)



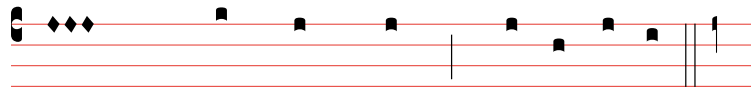
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace ;



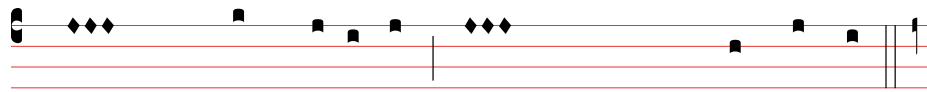
according to thy word.



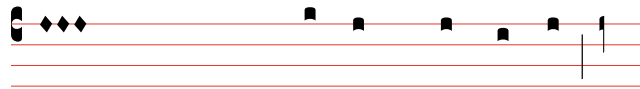
For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;



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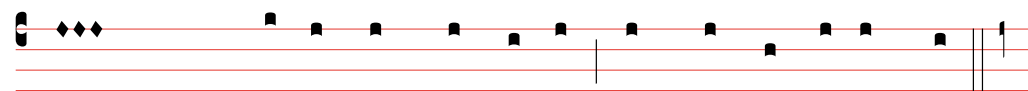
Which thou hast prepar-ed; before the face of all people;



To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:



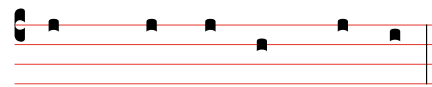
and to be the glory of thy peo-ple Isra-el.



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)

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.

¶ *Please unmute sound*

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.

¶ *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 331 *Abide with me*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHQ6nHxLRPU>



ABIDE with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

3 I need thy presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

- 4 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy
victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
- 5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the
skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain
shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

¶ *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

Francis Pott *The Souls of the Righteous*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1fextLftNpk>