

ST BOTOLPH

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COMPLINE

Wednesday 1st September 2021 at 9.00pm

Officiant
Fr Stephen

Cantors: Elisabeth Marksteiner and Tim Brown
Reader and Respondent: Robert-Louis Abrahamson

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 468 *Through the night of doubt and sorrow*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DP4V4MwdDkU>



THROUGH the night of doubt and sorrow
Onward goes the pilgrim band,
Singing songs of expectation,
Marching to the Promised Land.

- 2 Clear before us through the darkness
Gleams and burns the guiding light;
Brother clasps the hand of brother,
Stepping fearless through the night.
- 3 One the light of God's own presence
O'er his ransomed people shed,
Chasing far the gloom and terror,
Brightening all the path we tread;
- 4 One the object of our journey,
One the faith which never tires,
One the earnest looking forward,
One the hope our God inspires:
- 5 One the strain that lips of thousands
Lift as from the heart of one;
One the conflict, one the peril,
One the march in God begun;
- 6 One the gladness of rejoicing
On the far eternal shore,
Where the One Almighty Father
Reigns in love for evermore.

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.

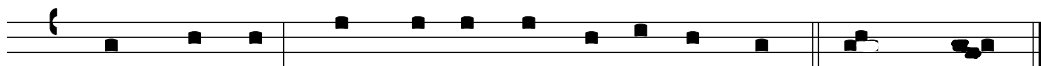
R The Lord's name be praised.



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



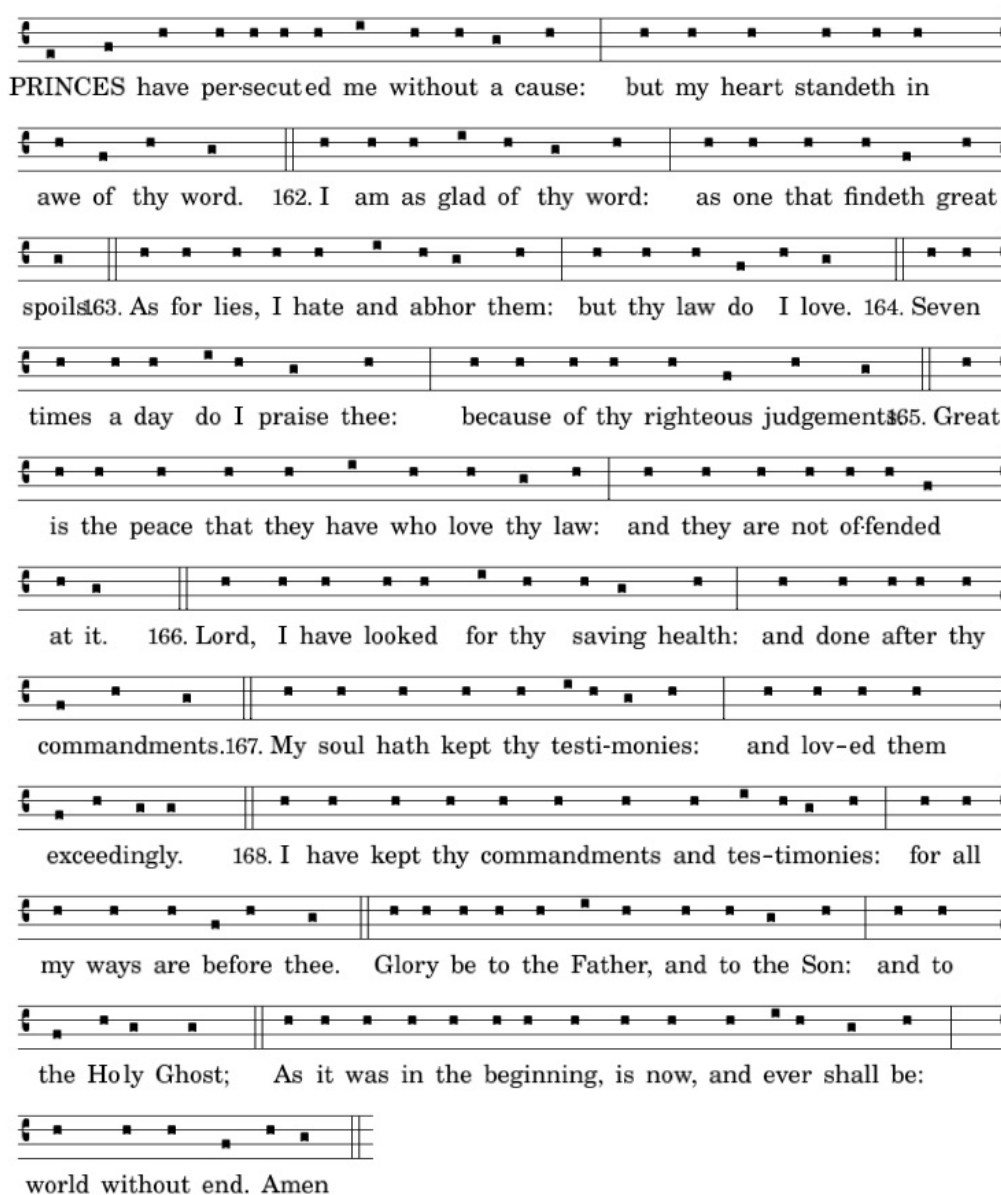
of the world, we pray That with thy won - ted
fears and fan - ta - sies; Tread un - der foot our
Christ, thine on - ly Son; Who, with the Ho - ly



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 119: vv 161 – 168



PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in
awe of thy word. 162. I am as glad of thy word: as one that findeth great
spoils. 163. As for lies, I hate and abhor them: but thy law do I love. 164. Seven
times a day do I praise thee: because of thy righteous judgement. 165. Great
is the peace that they have who love thy law: and they are not offended
at it. 166. Lord, I have looked for thy saving health: and done after thy
commandments. 167. My soul hath kept thy testimonies: and lov-ed them
exceedingly. 168. I have kept thy commandments and tes-timonies: for all
my ways are before thee. 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. Amen

Reading

A reading from the twenty-sixth chapter of the Book of Proverbs, beginning at the twelfth verse.

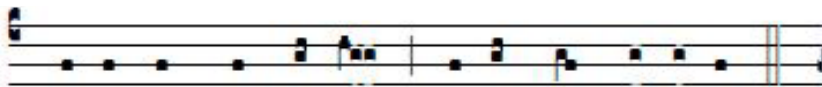
SEEST thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him. The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets. As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed. The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth. The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason. He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears. As a mad man who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death, So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport? Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth. As coals

are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife. The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly. Burning lips and a wicked heart are like a potsherd covered with silver dross. He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him; When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart. Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation. Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him. A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

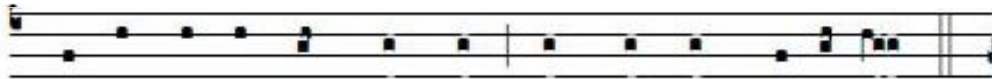
R **Thanks be to God.**



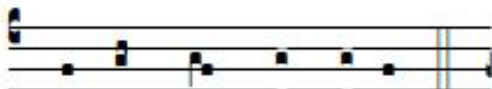
In-to thy hands, O Lord : I com-mend my spi-rit.



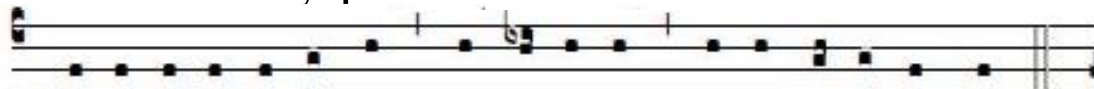
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For thou hast re-deem-ed me : O Lord, thou God of truth.



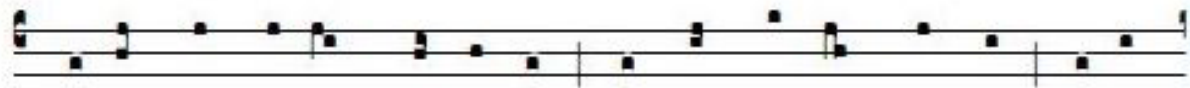
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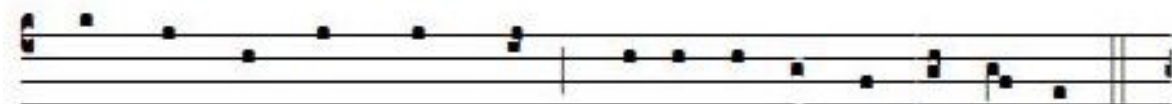
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



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-

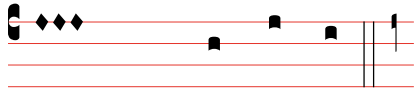


wake we may watch with Christ, and a-sleep we may rest in peace.

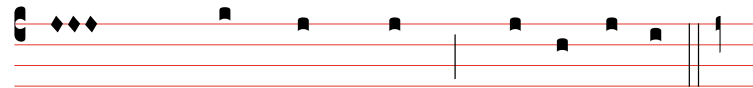
Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)



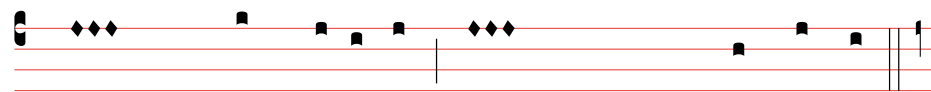
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace ;



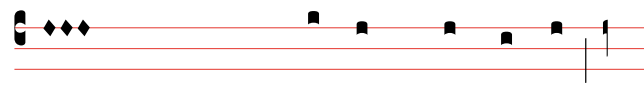
according to thy word.



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:



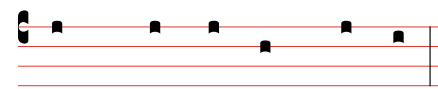
and to be the glory of thy peo-ple Isra-el.



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.

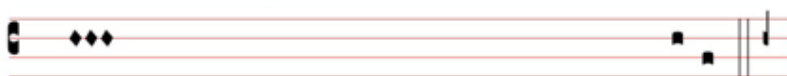
The Lord's Prayer

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.

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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.

¶ 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 414 O for a closer walk with God

Arranged by CV Stanford

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LP_KjpYAyZo

(Music version of the anthem)

https://www.cpd.org/wiki/images/0/0d/Oh%21_for_a_closer_walk_with_God_Stanford.pdf



O FOR a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

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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
John Sheppard *In manus tuas*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xR7XITwwTHY>

In manus tuas, Domine, commendo spiritum meum.
Redemisti me Domine, Deus veritatis.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
You have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.