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A light to lighten the Gentiles
Andrey Shishkin, 1960

COMPLINE IN EPIPHANY

Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 9.00pm

Officiant

Father Stephen Anderson

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

Zoom Meeting

Zoom manager and host: David Eastwood

As I am sure there will be some attending who would like to greet Father Stephen, who is kindly officiating at Compline this evening, the ZOOM room will remain open after Compline to give you the chance to socialise briefly with Stephen and other members of the congregation.

Zoom Etiquette:

When you join, please join **unmuted**, and await admittance from the 'Waiting Room'. Ensure that you activate '**start video**'.

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.

COMPLINE

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

Father Stephen

Hymn *Behold, the great Creator makes*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hN79CD9Wqac>

BEHOLD, the great Creator makes
Himself a house of clay,
a robe of virgin flesh He takes
which He will wear for aye.

2 Hark, hark, the wise eternal Word
like a weak infant cries!
In form of servant is the Lord,
and God in cradle lies.

3 This wonder struck the world amazed,
it shook the starry frame;
squadrons of spirits stood and gazed,
then down in troops they came.

4 Glad shepherds ran to view this sight;
a choir of angels sings,
and eastern sages with delight
adore this King of kings.

5 Join then, all hearts that are not stone,
and all our voices prove,
to celebrate this holy One,
the God of peace and love.

Preparation

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.

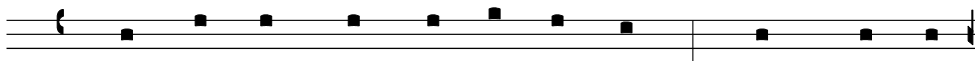
R O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

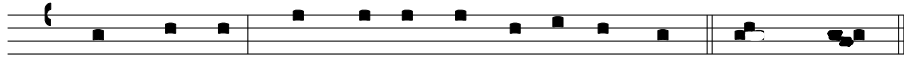
R The Lord's name be praised.



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



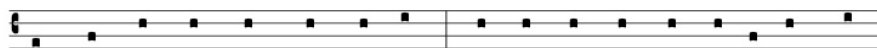
fa - vour thou Wouldst be our guard and kee - per now.
 ghost - ly foe, That no pol - lu - tion we may know.
 Ghost and thee, Doth live and reign e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

The Word of God

Psalm 72

Deus, iudicium

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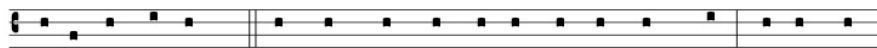
GIVE the King thy judgements, O God: and thy righteousness un-to the King's



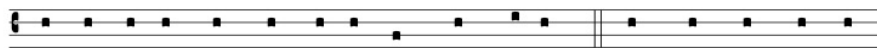
son. 2. Then shall he judge thy people according un-to right: and defend the



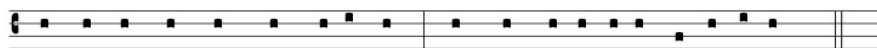
poor. 3. The mountains also shall bring peace: and the lit-tle hills righteousness



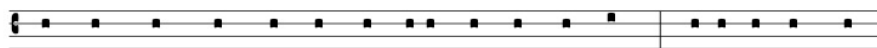
un-to the people. 4. He shall keep the simple folk by their right: defend the



children of the poor, and punish the wrong- do-er. 5. They shall fear thee, as



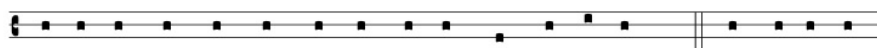
long as the sun and moon endureth: from one gener-ation to another.



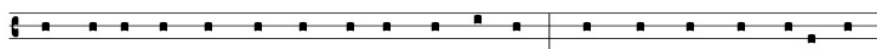
6. He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool: ev-en as the drops



that wa-ter the earth. 7. In his time shall the righteous flourish: yea,



and a-bundance of peace, so long as the moon en-dureth. 8. His dominion



shall be al- so from the one sea to the oth-er: and from the flood unto the



world's end. 9. They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him: his



enemies shall lick the dust. 10. The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give



presents: the kings of Arabi-a and Saba shall bring gifts. 11. All kings shall fall

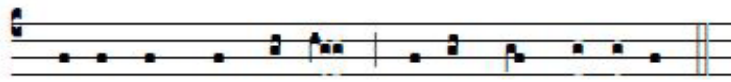
down before him: all nations shall do him service. 12. For he shall deliver the
poor when he crieth: the needy also, and him that hath no helper. 13. He shall
be favourable to the simple and needy: and shall preserve the souls of the
poor. 14. He shall de-liver their souls from falsehood and wrong: and dear shall
their blood be in his sight. 15. He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the
gold of A-rabi-a: prayer shall be made ev-er un-to him, and dai-ly shall
he be praised. 16. There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high upon
the hills: his fruit shall shake like Libanus, and shall be green in the cit-y
like grass up-on the earth. 17. His Name shall endure for ever; *his Name shall
remain under the sun among the poster-ities: which shall be blessed through
him; *and all the heathen shall praise him. 18. Blessed be the Lord God, even
the God of Is-rael: which only doeth wondrous things. 19. And blessed be the
Name of his majes-ty for ever: and all the earth shall be filled with his
majes-ty. Amen, Amen. 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

Scripture Reading

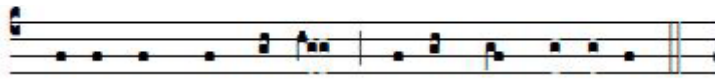
A reading from the fortieth chapter of the Book of Isaiah, beginning at the first verse.

COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

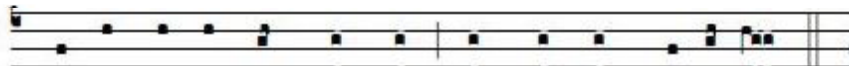
Thanks be to God.



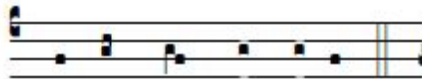
In-to thy hands, O Lord : I com-mend my spi-rit.



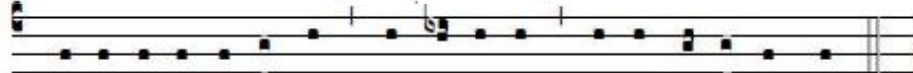
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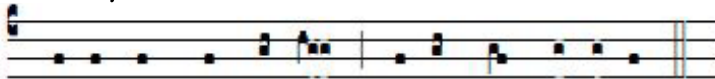
For thou hast re-deem-ed me : O Lord, thou God of truth.



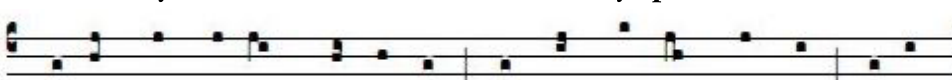
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Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



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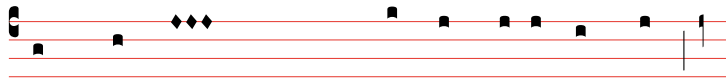


Pre-serve us, O Lord while wa-king, and guard us while sleep-ing : that a-



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 ;



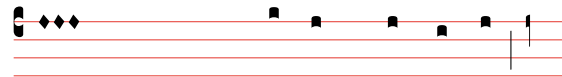
according to thy word.



For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;



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



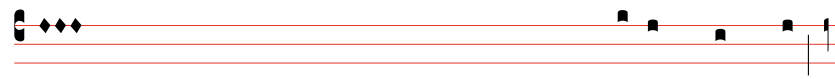
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:



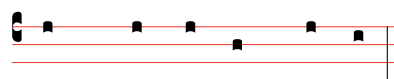
and to be the glory of thy peo-ple Isra-el.



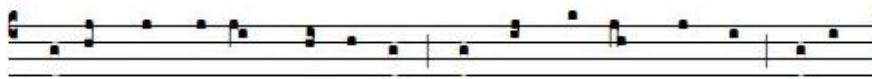
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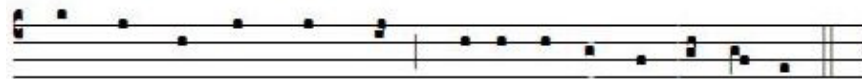
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The Apostle's Creed

(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 *What Child is this?*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XzhZd_10_eQ

WHAT Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus:
*This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!*

2 Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading

Chorus:
*Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through
The Cross be borne for me, for you
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh
The Babe, the Son of Mary!*

3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Chorus:
*Raise, raise, the song on high
The Virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy! Joy! For Christ is born
The Babe, the Son of Mary.*

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THE almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, bless us and preserve us.
All Amen.

Music for private reflection

Orlando Gibbons *See, see the word is incarnate*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gB-YfMihWzo>

We are delighted that Father Stephen joins us tonight for Compline and that he has agreed to stay online after the service to chat to members of the congregation who would like to greet him.