

Wednesday, March 10, 2021– Christ’s Church Cathedral
A SERVICE OF COMPLINE

MEMORIAL – ROBERT MACHREY,
FIRST PRIMATE OF CANADA



Officiant: *The Rev. Dr. Dan Tatarnic*

Cantors: *Anne Kae and Michael Bloss*

This ancient prayer hour is prayed at the conclusion of every day and ought to be embraced as a powerful tool and beautiful liturgy. The service itself is not new; it is in fact quite ancient. Dating back to the fourth century, and referenced by St. Benedict, St. Basil, and St. John Chrysostom, Compline has been prayed for century after century and forms part of the whole Daily Office (cf. Liturgy of the Hours). Compline was the last service of the day, to be said by the monks in their dormitories before bed. It was a simple service without flourishes or flashes. These monastic roots are key to understanding the significance of this time of prayer.

Compline was a service to close the day, an opportunity to give thanks for the joys and graces experienced, a chance to confess the (many) sins committed throughout the day, and the perfect moment to close the day the same way it started: in doxological prayer. Whatever service you use to begin your day—Compline is designed to end it well. Compline teaches us that God and his Kingdom are first and foremost the reality of our lives and we learn how to view the world through that lens rather than the other way around. Compline, teaches us how to pray and for what we should pray. We learn the language of liturgical prayer as used since the early church; we discover that our prayers are a) directed to the triune God and b) focus on our surroundings as much (if not more) than they do on us; we are daily transformed through the confession of sin and the assurance that God loves us and lovingly calls us to a higher form of living.

Robert Machray became the first primate of the Anglican Church of Canada in 1893, and as we honour his life and service we also commemorate the formation of our Church as a united and independent member in the Anglican communion. Machray was a Scot, born and raised as a Presbyterian. From an early age he showed great talent as a mathematician, and after studies in the university of his native Aberdeen he went south on a scholarship to Cambridge University. It was there that he became an Anglican. Granted a fellowship, then ordained priest, he seemed to be slated for the career of an academic clergyman. But in 1865, much to his surprise, he was chosen to become

the second bishop of Rupert's Land. He arrived at Winnipeg in August of the same year. Machray's diocese included much of the Arctic as well as the Canadian prairies. He set himself two long-range goals: first, to nurture higher education in Manitoba; and second, to divide Rupert's Land into smaller diocesan units which would be better able to serve Anglican settlers and carry out missionary work. One of his first acts as bishop was to call a clergy conference, which he patiently developed into a full-fledged synod; in time, as Machray's wider plans matured, this body became the basis for a provincial synod. Under his leadership, the western synods led the way in calling for unification of the Anglican Church in Canada. This movement bore fruit in 1893, when the first General Synod of our Church met at Toronto. Machray was elected primate at this seminal gathering. He remained primate, as well as archbishop of Rupert's Land, until his death in 1904. Machray was a tireless worker with a genius for organization; it may be no surprise that he liked to relax by solving mathematical puzzles. But he also possessed a generous heart and was able to work well with a wide variety of people. His vision, integrity, and practical wisdom make him one of the true founders of our Church in this nation.

THE APPROACH TO NIGHT PRAYER

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night
and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Officiant God, come to our assistance.

All Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

All The maker of heaven and earth.

Officiant Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

Examination of conscience

Lord Jesus,

you came to reconcile us to one another and to God:

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Lord Jesus,

you heal the wounds of sin and division:

Christ, have mercy

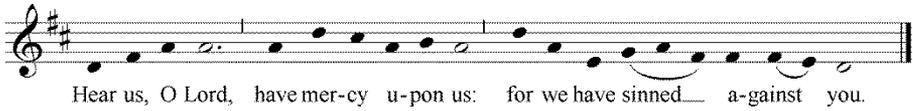
Christ, have mercy

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

HYMN - The Lent Prose *(join in the singing of the refrain)*

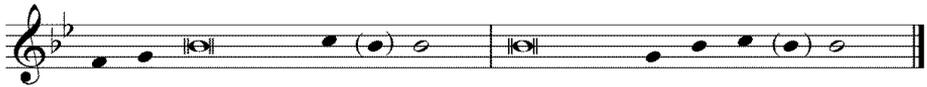


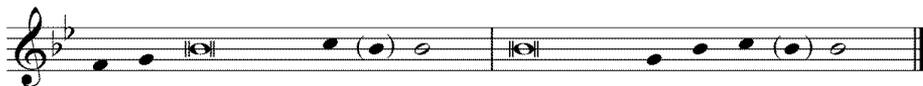
*O Thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father: Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial:
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.*

PSALMODY

Psalm 91: 1-16

Qui habitat





- 15 You will call upon me, and I will **an**-swer you;*
I am with you in trouble; I will rescue you and **bring** you to honour.
- 16 With long life will **I** satisfy you,*
and **show** you my salvation.
- Glory be to the Father and **to** the Son,*
and to the **Ho**-ly Spirit.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever **shall** be;*
world without **end**. Amen.

READING

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

The Pharisees challenged him, “Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid.”

Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me.”

Then they asked him, “Where is your father?”

“You do not know me or my Father,” Jesus replied. “If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.

RESPONSORY (*small notes denote cantor, large denote all*)



In - to your hands, O Lord, I - com - mend my Spi - rit.



In - to your hands, O Lord, I - com - mend my Spi - rit.



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 Spi - rit.



In - to your hands, O Lord, I - com - mend my Spi - rit.

MEDITATIVE PRAYER

We will lay us down in peace and take our rest.
For it is you, Lord, only that makes us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, O Lord,
for it is toward evening and the day is far spent.

As watchmen look for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

Come with the dawning of the day
and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.

CANTICLE OF SIMEON



LORD, NOW you let your servant go **in** peace;*
your word has **been** fulfilled.

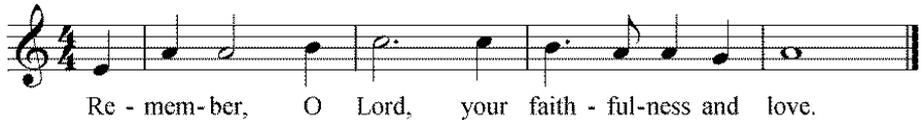
My own eyes have seen the salvation *
which you have prepared in the sight of **ev'ry** people;

A light to reveal you to the **nations** *
and the glory of your **people** Israel.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spirit**: *
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. **A-men.**

THE LITANY

Refrain (*All sing the Refrain*).



Lord, grant that our works of penance may please you,
and that we may be ready for your kingdom which is so near

REFRAIN

As the day draws to a close, Sun of Justice, we invoke your name upon the whole
human race,
so that all people may enjoy your never failing light.



Preserve the covenant which you have ratified in your blood,
cleansing and sanctifying your Church.

REFRAIN

Guide travelers along the path of peace and prosperity,
so that they may reach their destinations in safety and joy

REFRAIN

Receive the souls of the dead, O Lord,
grant them your favour and the gift of eternal glory,

REFRAIN

THE COLLECTS

Almighty God,
by your grace alone
we are accepted and called to your
service.
Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit
and make us worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Almighty God,
you instructed the heart of Robert
Machray to guide the Anglicans of
this nation in the counsels of peace
and unity.
Preserve us in wisdom
and lead us in truth,
that we may build upon the one
foundation,
which is Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Confident in hope, let us gather our prayers and praises into one, and pray as our Saviour taught us,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN – Wilt thou Forgive that Sin

TEXT: John Donne (1573-1631)

MUSIC: melody *So giebst du nun*, 1694. Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



Wilt thou for-give that sin, where I be -
Wilt thou for-give that sin, by which I
I have a sin of fear that when I've
gun, which is my sin, though it were done be -
won o - thers to sin, and made my sin their
spun my last thread, I shall per - ish on the
fore? Wilt thou for-give those sins through which I run, and
door? Wilt thou for-give that sin which I did shun a
shore; swear by thy-self, that at my death thy Son shall
do run still, though still I do de- plore? When
year or two, but wal - lowed in a score? When
shine as he shines now, and here - to - fore. And
thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.
thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.
hav - ing done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.

AT THE CONCLUSION

The Lord be with you:
and with your spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Forget me not

J.S. Bach

*Vergiss mein nicht,
vergiss mein nicht, mein allerliebster Gott.
Ach! höre doch mein Flehen,
ach! lass mir Gnad geschehen,
wenn ich hab Angst und Not,
du meine Zuversicht,
vergiss mein nicht, vergiss mein nicht.*

*Vergiss mein nicht,
vergiss mein nicht, mein allerhöchster Gott.
Vergib mir meine Sünden,
ach! lass mich Gnade finden,
so hat es keine Not,
wenn solche mich ansicht,
vergiss mein nicht, vergiss mein nicht.*

*Vergiss mein nicht,
vergiss mein nicht, wenn itzt der berbe Tod
mir nimmt mein zeitlich Leben,
du kannst ein besseres geben,
mein allerliebste Gott;
hör, wenn dein Kind noch spricht:*

*Forget me not,
ob thou Father and Lord!
Hearken when I implore thee,
unto thy grace restore me,
ob let my prayer be heard.
In thee I put my trust,
forget me not.*

*Forget me not,
ob thou Father and Lord.
Oh, be my sins forgiven
and let my soul find Grace
so as not to be in Need.
Whate'er my earthly lot, forget me not.*

*Forget me not,
in that dread parting hour
when death calls me forth
and the darkness fills my soul with affright.
be thou my helper and guard,
Lord evermore adored
still listen to the words of your child*

NEXT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

A SERVICE OF COMPLINE IN LENT
MEMORIAL FOR
PATRICK, BISHOP MISSIONARY IN IRELAND

Officiant, The Dean. Cantor: Jeremy Ludwig