

Wednesday, March 24, 2021– Christ’s Church Cathedral
A SERVICE OF COMPLINE
LENTEN FERIA

THE EVE OF THE ANNUNCIATION



Officiant: *The Dean*

Cantors: *Mark Russom 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.

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

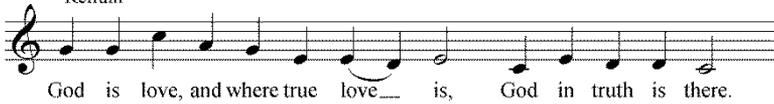
Lord Jesus,
you came to reconcile us to one another and to God:
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
you heal the wounds of sin and division:
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

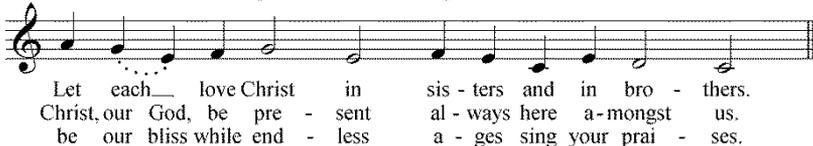
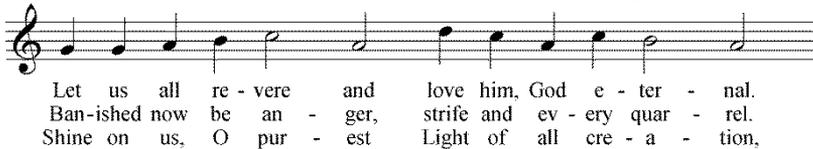
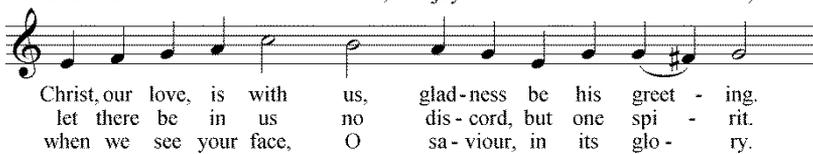
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

HYMN – God is Love

Refrain



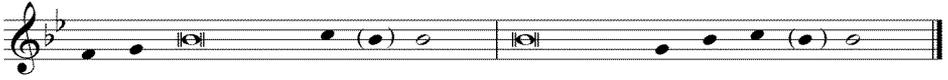
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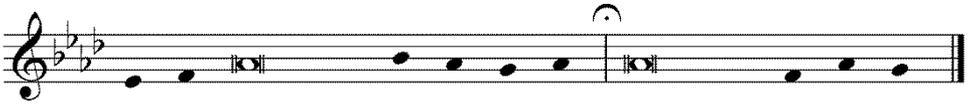
PSALMODY

Psalm 8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

Sung by the assembly



Psalm 138 *Confitebor tibi*



I WILL give thanks to you, O God, **with** my whole heart;*
before the gods I will **sing** your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple **and** praise your name,*
because of your love and **faith**-fulness

For you have **glo-rified** your name*
and your word a-**bove** all things.

When I called, **you** answered me;*
you increased my **strength** with-in me.

All who reign on earth will **praise** you, O God,*
when they have heard the **words of** your mouth.

They will **sing** of your ways,*
your glory, O **God**, is great.

Though you are high, you **care** for the lowly;*
you perceive the haughty **from** a-far.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, **you** keep me safe;*
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies
your **right hand** shall save me.

You will make good your **pur**-pose for me;*
O God, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works **of** your hands.

Glory be to the Father **and** to the Son,*
and to the **Ho**-ly Spirit.

As it was in beginning is now **and** ever shall be;*
world without **end**. A--men.

READING

My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Galatians 4: 1-7

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



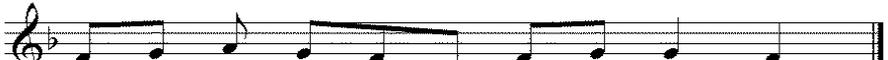
In - to your hands, O Lord, I - com - mend my Spi - rit.



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.

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.

REFRAIN

Preserve the covenant which you have ratified in your blood,
cleanse and sanctify 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, Lord,
grant them your favour and the gift of eternal glory,

REFRAIN

THE COLLECT

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord,
that we who have known the incarnation
of your Son Jesus Christ,
announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary,
may by his cross and passion
be brought to the glory of his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

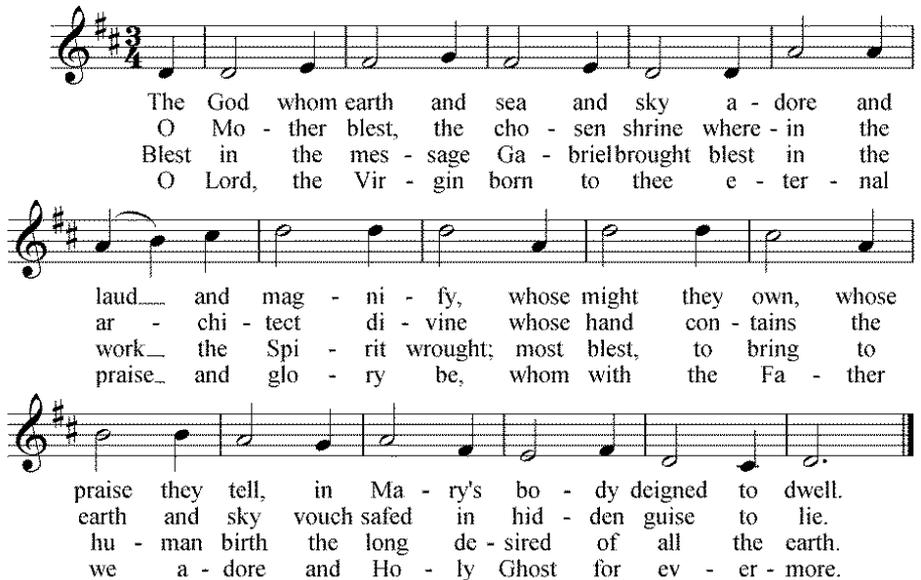
Confident in hope, let us gather our prayers and praises into one,
and pray as our Saviour taught us,

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 The God Whom Earth and Sea and Sky

TEXT: Venantius Fortunatus (c. 535-609) trans. John Mason Neale

MUSIC: adapt Praetorius (1571-1621). PUER NOBIS NASCITUR



The God whom earth and sea and sky a - dore and
O Mo - ther blest, the cho - sen shrine where - in the
Blest in the mes - sage Ga - briel brought blest in the
O Lord, the Vir - gin born to thee e - ter - nal
laud and mag - ni - fy, whose might they own, whose
ar - chi - tect di - vine whose hand con - tains the
work the Spi - rit wrought; most blest, to bring to
praise and glo - ry be, whom with the Fa - ther
praise they tell, in Ma - ry's bo - dy deigned to dwell.
earth and sky vouch safed in hid - den guise to lie.
hu - man birth the long de - sired of all the earth.
we a - dore and Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more.

AT THE CONCLUSION

The Lord be with you:
and with your spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Thou shalt break them (Messiah)

G.F. Handel

*He that dwelleth in Heav'n shall laugh them to scorn; The Lord shall have them in derision.
Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.*

(Psalm 2: 4, 9)

HOLY WEEK EVENING PRAYERS MARCH 28-APRIL 3

PASSION SUNDAY – Evening Prayer

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK – Evening Prayer

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK – Meditations On The Way Of The Cross

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK – A Service of Tenebrae

HOLY SATURDAY – Evening Prayer

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