



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



In a Zoom Room

Link shared in e-news and our Parishioner Facebook Group

**An Order for Compline
Tuesday in Holy Week**

March 30th, 2021

9:00pm

The Office of Compline is rooted in the daily cycle of prayer observed by the early Christian monastic communities. By the 6th century, St. Benedict had codified the rule for his followers, setting forth a formula for the recitation of psalms, hymns, prayers, and readings seven times a day. Compline was the final prayer hour before retiring for the evening. It is still the final setting of prayers for monastic communities all over the world who are praying for you and for all of God's people.

The service incorporates plainsong and diverse choral styles and genres creating a unique blend of new and older musical traditions. As was customary in medieval chapels, Compline is offered by candlelight and much of the music is unaccompanied. You might consider turning down the lights and lighting some candles at home. The unifying thread through the Compline service is quiet meditation and reflection led and inspired by music.

*The People are invited to read the words in **bold** and to sing the parts designated to the People. While we're online, these words will be led by someone on screen so that you can read, sing, and pray with them. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Find a comfortable place to sit, kneel or stand for the prayers if you'd like to. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.*

An Order for Compline

The Officiant begins

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

Opening Hymn 171

Petra

"Go to dark Gethsemane"

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

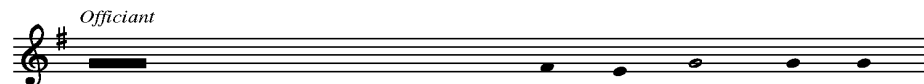
your Re-deem - er's con-flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;

turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
"It is fi - nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.


Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854) Music: *Petra*, Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

Officiant




The Lord Almighty grant us a peace - ful night and a

People



per - fect end. A - men.

Officiant *People*



Our help is in the name of the Lord; The maker of heaven and earth.

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Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father:
 We have sinned against you, through our own
 fault, in thought, and word, and deed,
 and in what we have left undone.
 For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
 forgive us all our offenses;
 and grant that we may serve you
 in newness of life,
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,
 and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Officiant *People*



O God, make speed to save us, O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:

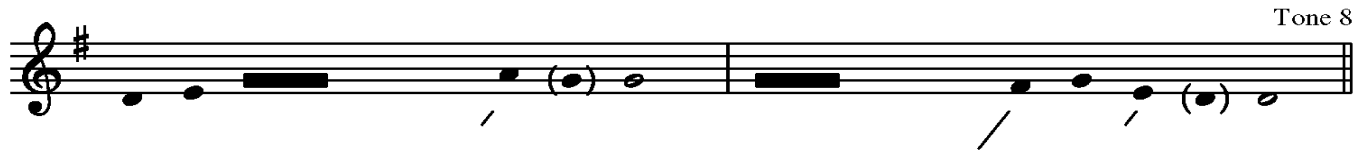


as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

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+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Psalm 31 *In te, Domine, speravi*



- 1 *In you*, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me / in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste / to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead / me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you / are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O / Lord, O God of truth.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the /Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and for- / ever shall
be. * **Amen.**

The Officiant sings a passage of Scripture

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will
give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for
your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *Matthew 11:28-30*

People **Thanks be to God.**

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed, the dark - ness
 2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls
 3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads
 4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud

falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -
 on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is
 on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er
 em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for

scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
 keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.
 si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
 ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

This hymn may be used in the morning by omitting stanza 1.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893) Music: St. Clement, Clement Cottrevill Scholefield (1839-1904)

Officiant or Cantor

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

People

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

Officiant or Cantor

For you have re - deemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

People

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

Officiant Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People say together

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;
People **And let our cry come to you;**
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Officiant O God, with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light: Quench our thirst with living water, and flood our darkened minds with heavenly light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Officiant God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you. **Amen.**

Antiphon Mode 3

Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep-ing;
that a-wake we may watch with Christ, and a-sleep we may rest in peace.

Tone 3

1. Lord, you now have set your ser - vant free to go in peace as you
have prom-ised; 2. For these eyes of mine have seen the Sav - ior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see: 3. A Light to en-
light-en the na - tions, and the glory of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit:
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for ev-er. A-men. [Ant.]

Officiant

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Officiant

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us
and keep us. **Amen.**

Worship Leaders

Officiants Emily Risley & Terrence Fay