



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



An Order for Compline
Tuesday in Holy Week

April 7, 2020

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

Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.

Joel 2:13

Opening Hymn

Te lucis ante terminum

Plainsong



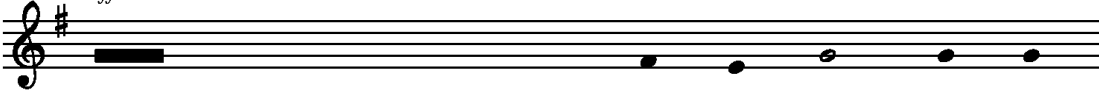
Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with thy wonted favour thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.


Latin, *Tr.* J. M. Neale 1818-66

Officiant



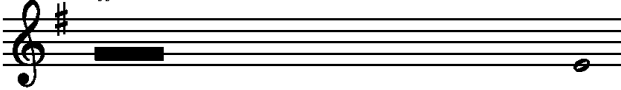
The Lord Almighty grant us a peace - ful night and a

People

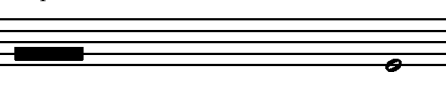


per - fect end. A - men.

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.

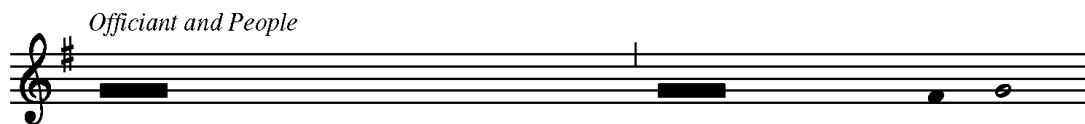
Officiant and People

**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.**

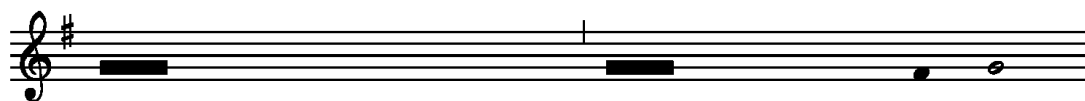
Officiant May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



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



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 Gód of truth.

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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.**

Reflection

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

“When I survey the wondrous cross”


1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.


Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

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.

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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, forever 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.

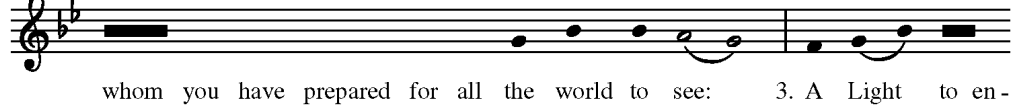
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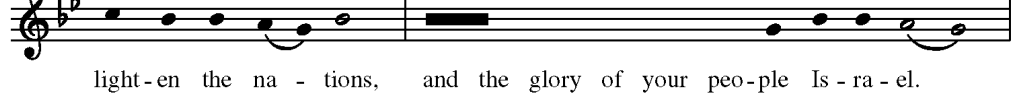
1. Lord, you now have set your ser - vant free to go in peace as you



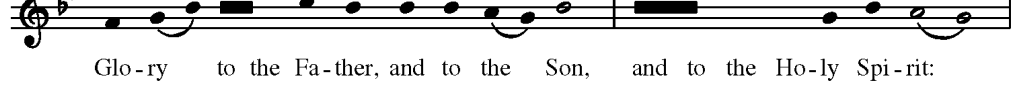
have prom-ised; 2. For these eyes of mine have seen the Sav - ior,



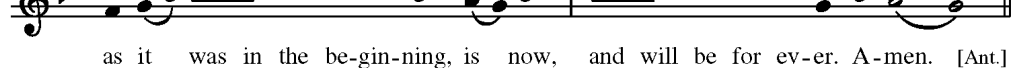
whom you have prepared for all the world to see: 3. A Light to en-



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.**

Holy Week Worship & Music Schedule – April 5-April 12

Tuesday in Holy Week, April 7	Compline at 9pm (Livestream)
Wednesday in Holy Week, April 8	Morning Prayer at 9am (Facebook Live) Evening Prayer at 7pm (Livestream)
Maundy Thursday, April 9	Live Broadcast: Four Last Songs at 3pm Evening Prayer at 7pm (Livestream)
Good Friday, April 10	The Liturgy for Good Friday at Noon (Livestream) Night Prayer & Stations of the Cross at 7pm (Livestream)
Holy Saturday, April 11	Preparation Rite at 9am (Livestream) Live Broadcast: Four Last Songs at 3pm
Easter Sunday, April 12	Music Interlude from 9:30-10am (Livestream) Easter Worship at 10am (Livestream)

All Livestream worship can be found on our website:
www.stmatthewswilton.org/live



Join in on our interactive worship this week by building an altar at home. Step by step instructions are available [here](#). And instructions for tonight are on the next page!



An Altar in the Wilderness

Tuesday in Holy Week

Tonight, add candles to your home altar. Let the fire remind you of the warmth of God's presence. And the promise that **light always shines in the darkness**. Light the candles and join us for Compline at 9pm.

1 John 1:5-9

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

From Artist in Residence, Scott Ellaway Live Broadcasts during Holy Week

Equally committed to artistic excellence, providing quality programming to the local community, St. Matt's has commissioned international conductor Scott Ellaway to create three online programs that are scheduled to go out live during Holy Week. Each program, lasting twenty-five minutes, will focus on the Four Last Songs by Richard Strauss. Each song will be explored in turn, a performance, followed by a question and answer session for those attending online who wish to participate.

The dates that have been selected are:

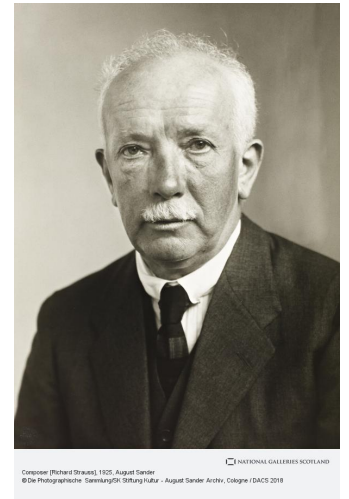
Palm Sunday, April 5, 3pm EST

Maundy Thursday, April 9, 3pm EST

Holy Saturday, April 11, 3pm EST

The live broadcast will go out from this page:

<https://opusyou.com/cinematic-broadcast/strauss-four-last-songs>.



St. Matt's -Virtually

Does it feel like there's a lot going on at St. Matt's? That's because there is!

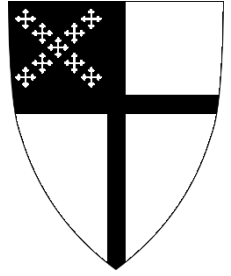
If you need information on an online program, we're piling up opportunities for worship, connection, and exploration on this website: www.stmatthewswilton.org/virtually.

You can always go there to look for news about what's happening!



Worship online again with St. Matthew's

There are many ways to connect with St. Matt's in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on our website and social media as well as our e-news. There you'll find information and opportunities to connect for friends and members of all ages.



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