



AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE

Sunday, November 29, 8:00 p.m.
St. John's Episcopal Church
Tallahassee, Florida

Compline is an ancient monastic service offered to God before bedtime. This service includes scripture, prayers, hymns, and the canticle Nunc dimittis. With sublime music, and heartfelt prayer we hope that Compline will nourish your soul.

Entrance Hymn – *O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light*

Sung by the Choir

O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light, Begotten of the Father's might,
Who, in these latter days, was born For blessings to a world forlorn;

Pour light upon us from above, and fire our hearts with ardent love,
That, as we hear thy truth today all wrong desires may burn away.

And when, as Judge Thou drawest nigh, The secrets of all hearts to try;
To recompence each hidden sin and bid the saints their reign begin.

O let us not, for evil past, Be driven from Thy face at last;
But with thy saints for evermore Behold Thee, love Thee, and adore.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit ever one.
Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

Latin, 7th century

Opening Sentences

Officiant

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

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per - fect end. A - men.

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

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Let us confess our sins to God.

All

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.

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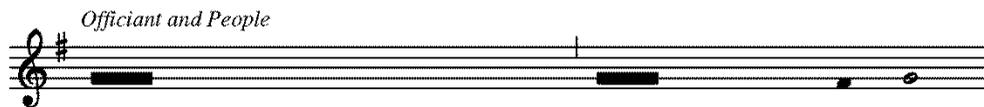
May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

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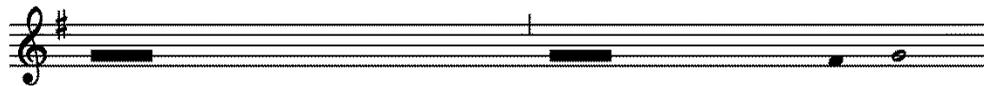


O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.

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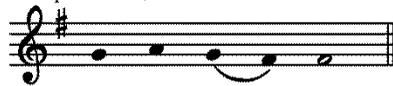


Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:



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

Except in Lent, add



Al - le - lu - ia.

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Psalm 138

Sung by the Choir

I give thee thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name *
Because of your love and thy faithfulness;
When I called, you answered me, *
You increased my strength within me.
Though the Lord is high, he cares for the lowly; *
He perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble you keep me safe, *
You stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies, and your right hand shall save me.
The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the work of thy hands.

A Reading from 1 Peter 5:8-9a

Sung by the Officiant

*Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
Resist him, firm in your faith.*

After the reading all sing:



Thanks be to God.

Hymn – *Come, thou long expected Jesus*

Sung by All

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Text by Charles Wesley, 1744

Motet – *O come, O come Emmanuel*

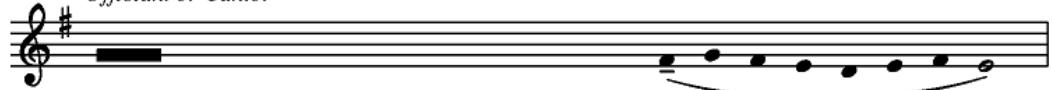
Translated by John M. Neale, 1851

O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in its ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

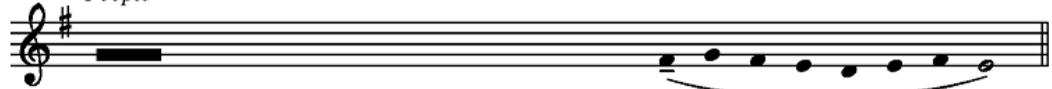
Officiant or Cantor



V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

The musical staff shows a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a whole rest, followed by a melodic line of eight eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, all beamed together.

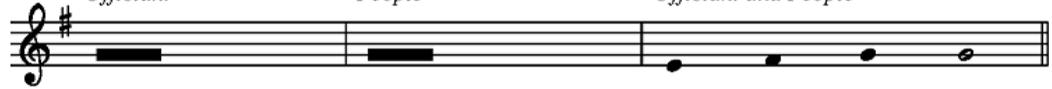
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R. Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

The musical staff shows a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a whole rest, followed by a melodic line of eight eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, all beamed together.

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Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical staff shows a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It is divided into three measures. The first measure has a whole rest. The second measure has a whole rest. The third measure contains a melodic line of four quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5.

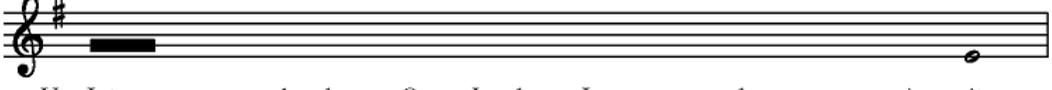
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Our Father, who art in heaven . . . deliver us from e - vil.

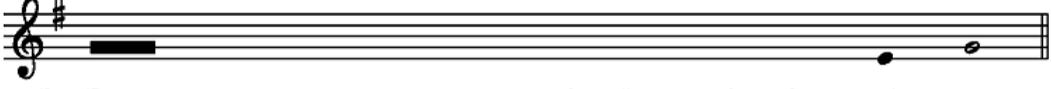
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Responsory



V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spi - rit;

The musical staff shows a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a whole rest, followed by a melodic line of two quarter notes: G4, A4.



R. For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

The musical staff shows a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a whole rest, followed by a melodic line of two quarter notes: G4, A4.

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Lord, hear our prayer. And let our cry come to you.

The musical staff shows a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It is divided into two measures. The first measure contains a melodic line of four quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5. The second measure begins with a whole rest, followed by a melodic line of four quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5.

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Let us pray.

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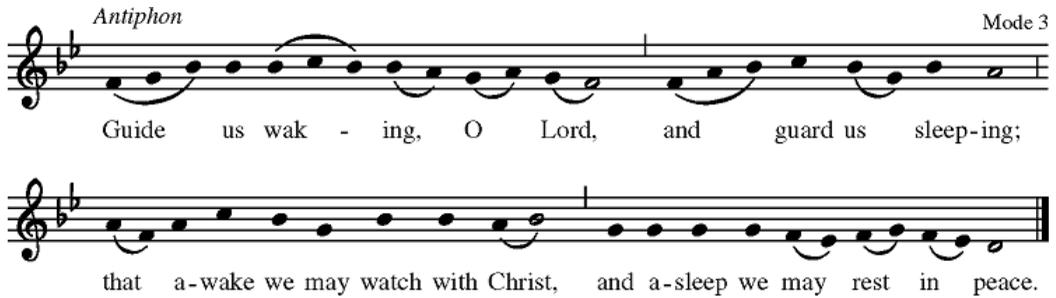
The Lord's Prayer and Collects

Sung by the Officiant; All sing the Amen.

Song of Simeon

The choir will sing the antiphon and all will repeat it. Choir sings the verses.

Antiphon *Mode 3*



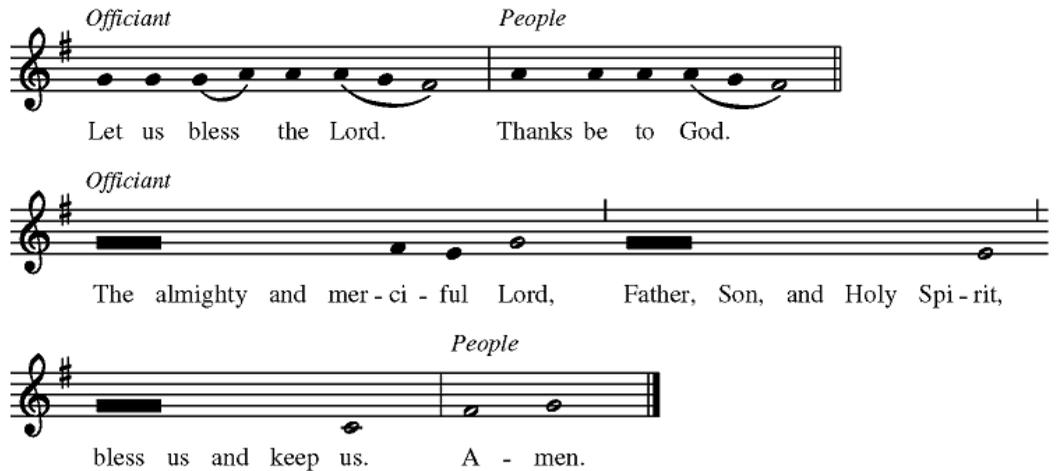
Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep-ing;
that a-wake we may watch with Christ, and a-sleep we may rest in peace.

Nunc dimittis

Choral arrangement by John Martin

Concluding Versicle and Blessing

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Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.
The almighty and mer - ci - ful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spi - rit,
bless us and keep us. A - men.

Compline Setting: adapt. David Hurd (b. 1950).
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Procession Hymn – *Savior of the nations, come*

Sung by the Choir

Savior of the nations, come, virgin's Son, make here thy home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child of the Virgin undefiled!
Though by all the world disowned, still to be in heav'n enthroned.

Thus on earth the Word appears, gracing his created spheres;
Hence to death and hell descends, then the heavenly throne ascends.

Come, O Father's saving Son, who o're sin the victory won.
Boundless shall your kingdom be, grant that we it's glories see.

Text by Saint Ambrose, 380

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