



AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE

Sunday, January 10, 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 love of God, how strong and true*

Sung by the Choir

O love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new,
Uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought!

O wide-embracing, wondrous love! We read you in the sky above,
We read you in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read thee best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame;
Sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.

We read thy pow'r to bless and save, e'en in the darkness of the grave;
Still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of thy might.

Text by Horatius Bonar, 1962

Opening Sentences

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Let us confess our sins to God.

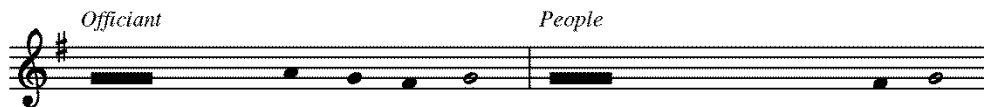
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Almighty God, our heavenly Father: We have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may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

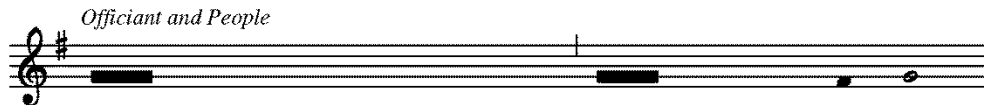
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May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

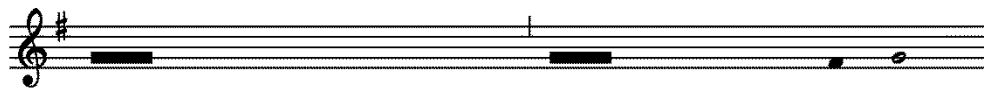
Amen.



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.

Except in Lent, add



Al - le - lu - ia.

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Psalm 4

Sung by the Choir

Antiphon – Have mercy upon us O Lord and harken unto our prayer.

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *

you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *

how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *

when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

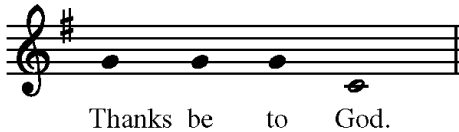
Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.
Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.
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. Amen.
Antiphon – Have mercy upon O Lord and harken unto our prayer.

A Reading from Jeremiah 14:9, 22

Sung by the Officiant

Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called by your Name:
Do not forsake us, O Lord our God.

After the reading all sing:



Hymn – *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Sung by All

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Text - Anonymous

Motet – *Haec Dies*

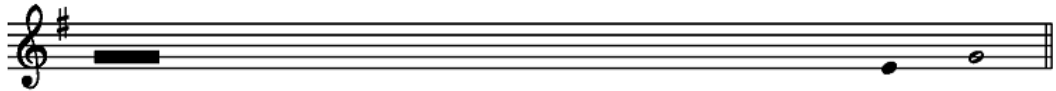
Thomas Morley (1557-1603)

This is the day which the Lord hath made:
let us be glad and rejoice therein.
Alleluia.

Responsory

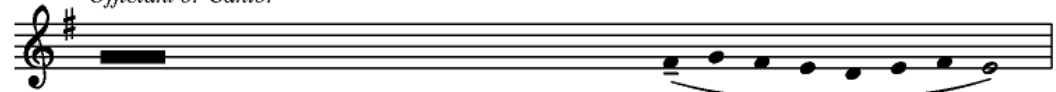


V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spi - rit;



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

Officiant or Cantor



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

People

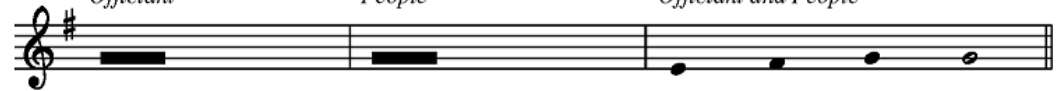


R. Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

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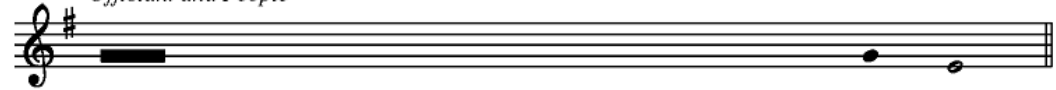
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Officiant and People



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

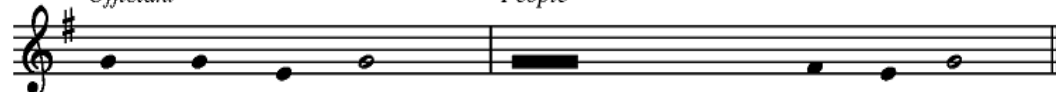
Officiant and People



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

Officiant

People



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

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Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer and Collects

Sung by the Officiant; All sing the Amen.

Song of Simeon

The choir will sing the antiphon and 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 setting by John Martin (b. 1987)

Concluding Versicle and Blessing

Officiant *People*

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 – *O Master, let me walk with thee*

Sung by the Choir

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way,
In peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

Text by Washington Gladden, 1879

Officiant

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