AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE

The Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 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 – *Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen* Sung by the Choir

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen, who thy glory hidest, 'neath these shadows mean;
lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed, tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.

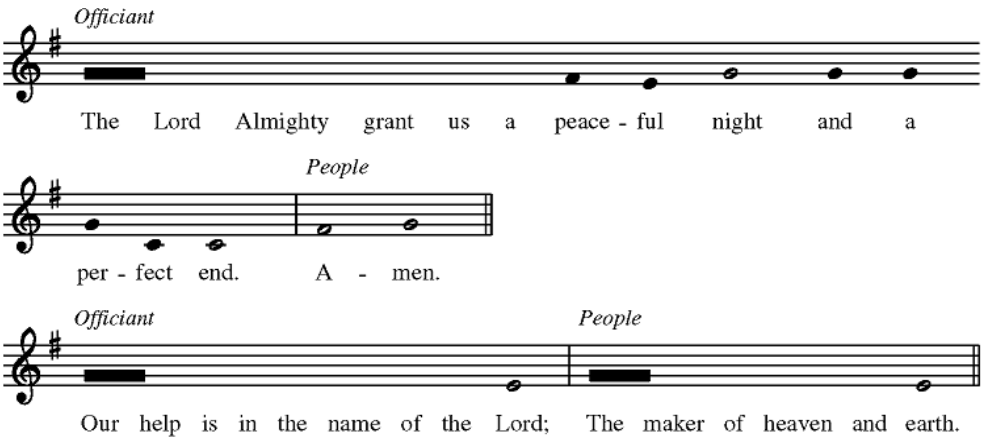
Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail; faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil.
I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told; what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.

O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death; living Bread that givest all they creatures breath,
grant my spirit ever by thy life may live, to my taste thy sweetness never failing give.

Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold, what my soul doth long for, that thy word foretold;
face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see, in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.

Text by St. Thomas of Aquinas, c. 1260

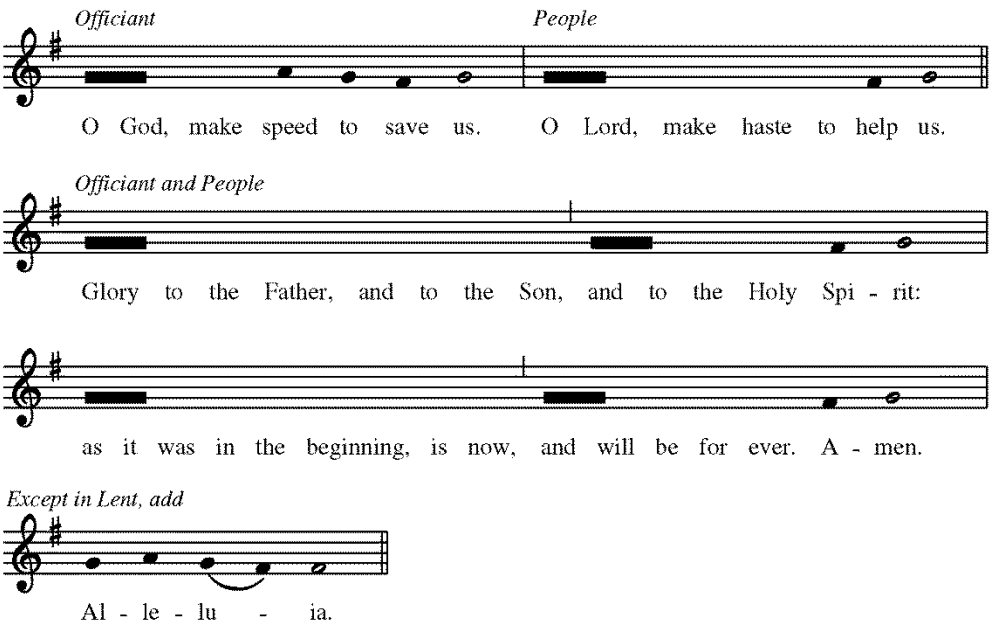
Opening Sentences



Officiant
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.

Officiant
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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Psalm 33 Sung by the Choir

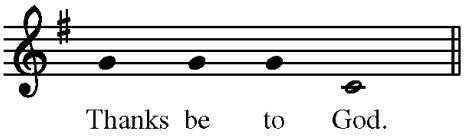
Antiphon – Have mercy upon us O Lord and harken unto our prayer.
Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord; *
happy the people whom he hath chosen to be his own!
The Lord looks down from heaven; *
and beholds all the people in the world.
From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.
Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them who fear him, * to those who wait upon his love,
To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord: * he is our help and our shield.
Indeed our heart rejoices in him, * for in his holy Name we put our trust.
Antiphon – Have mercy upon us O Lord and harken unto our prayer.

A Reading from Matthew 11:28-30 Sung by the Officiant

"Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy ladened 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."

After the reading all sing:



Hymn – *Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church* Sung by All

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
far off yet here the goal of all desire.

So daily dying to the way of self, so daily living to your way of love,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
so we are dead and live with you in God.

If dead in you, so in you we arise, you the first-born of all the faithful dead;
and as though stony ground the green shoots break,
glorious in spring time dress of leaf and flower,
so in the Father's glory shall we wake.

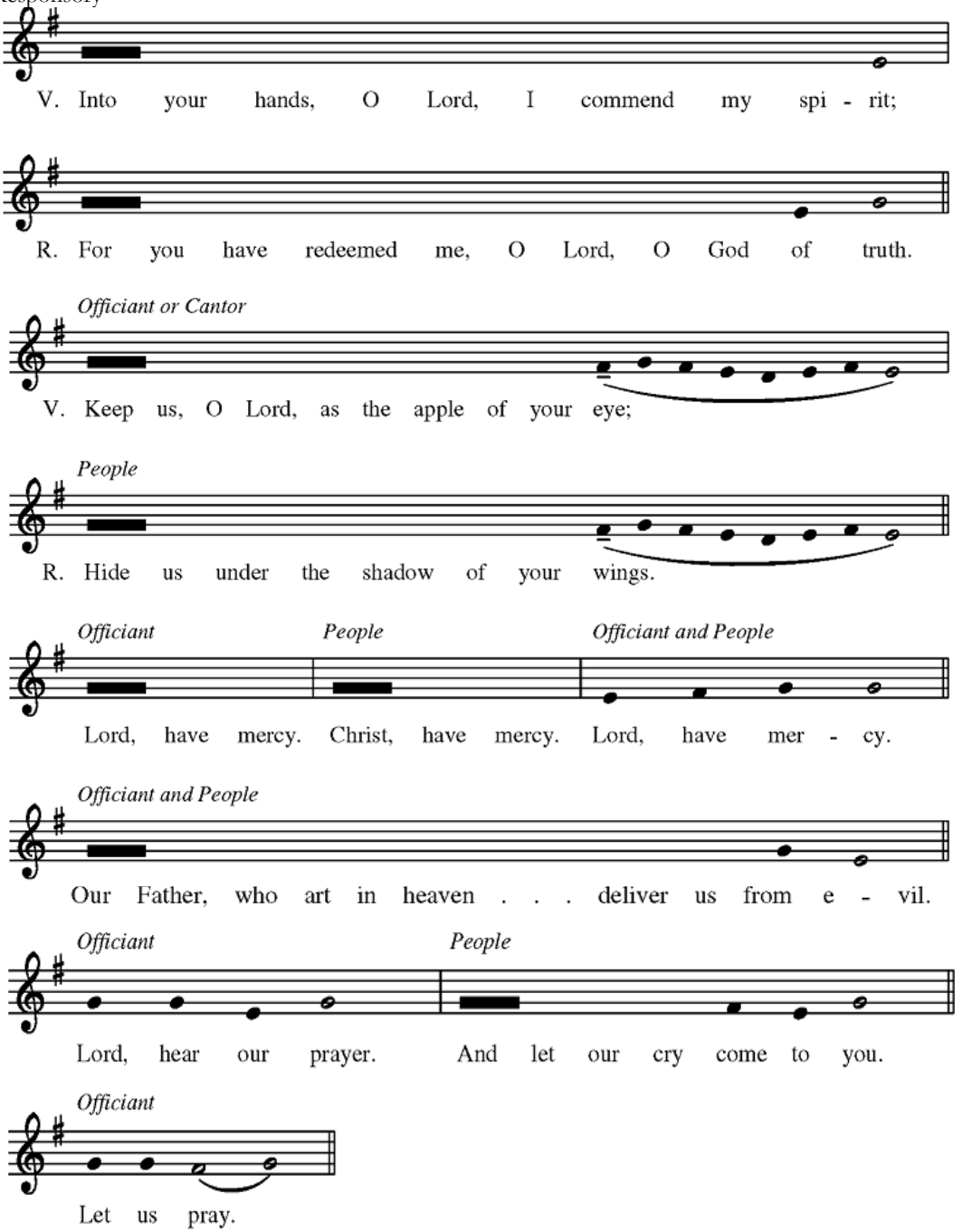
Text – Thomas H. Cain, 1982

Motet – *Cantate Domino* Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743)

Come ye with joyfulness, Come sing ye a new song to your Maker.
O praise him with the saintly congregation.
Israel, be joyful and glad in him,
Be glad in him who made Israel,
And children of Sion, ye children of Sion be joyful.

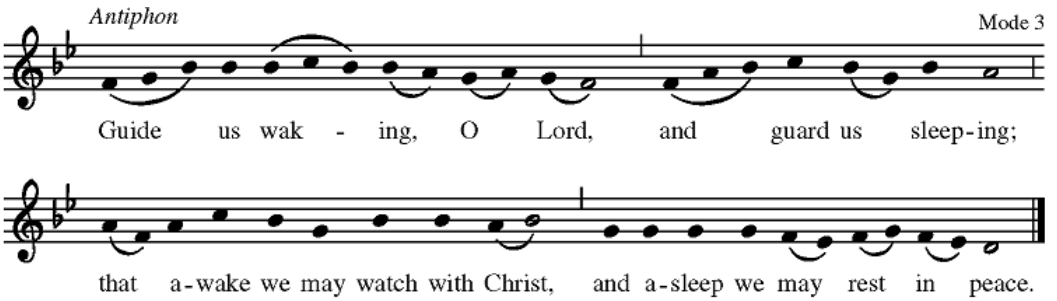
Adapted from Psalm 148

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.
Officiant
People
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.
Officiant
Let us pray.

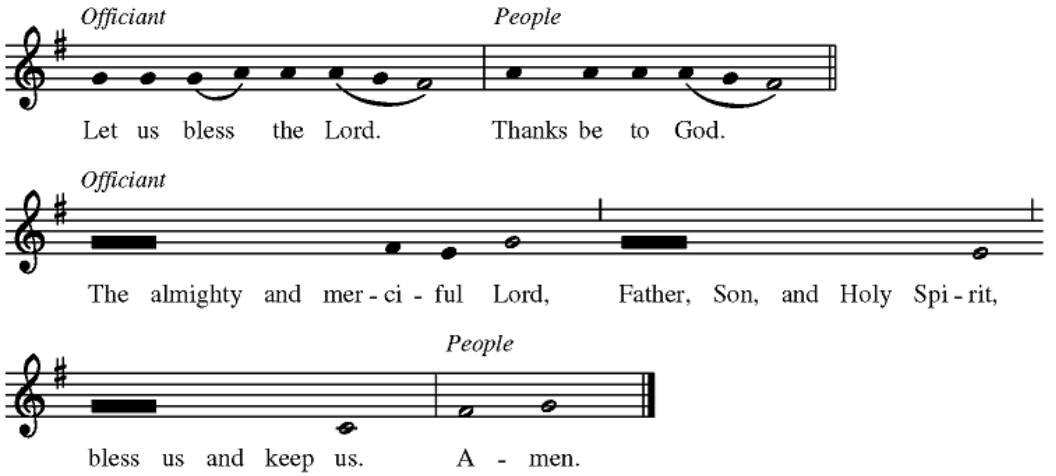
The Lord's Prayer and Collects — Sung by the Officiant; All sing the Amen.

Song of Simeon — The choir will sing the antiphon and the verses.



Nunc dimittis — Chant setting by David Hurd (b. 1950)

Concluding Versicle and Blessing



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Procession Hymn – *Breathe on me, Breath of God* — *Sung by the Choir*

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.

Text by Edwin Hatch, 1878

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