



AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE

The Second Sunday of Easter
April 11, 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 – *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

Sung by the Choir

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen.
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of season, bright with the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, not the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watches, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal:
But to-day amidst thine own thou didst stand, bestowing
That they peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

.Text by St. John of Damascus, c. 745

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;

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The maker of heaven and earth.

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Let us confess our sins to God.

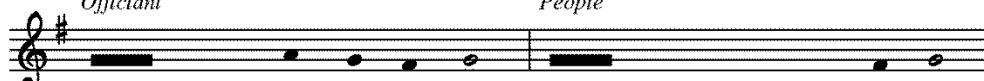
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Almighty God, our heavenly Father: We have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may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

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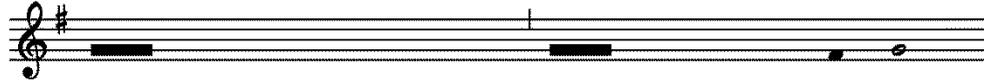


O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Psalm 111

Sung by the Choir

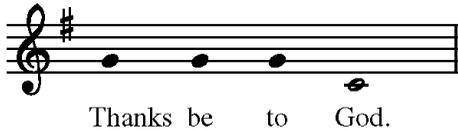
Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
In the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
They are studied by all who delight in them.
His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
And his righteousness endures forever.
He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
He sent redemption to his people;
He commanded his covenant forever; *
Holy and awesome is his Name.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
Those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures forever.

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 – *Christ is alive, let Christians sing*

Sung by All

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now and conquer every place and time.

Not throned above, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior with the Father reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive! His Spirit burns through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

Text – Brian Wren, 1978

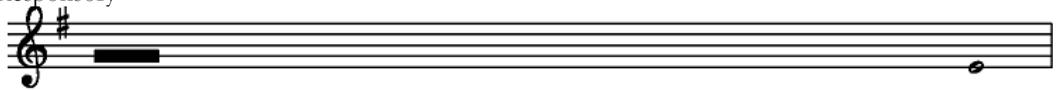
Motet – *Set me as a seal*

René Clausen

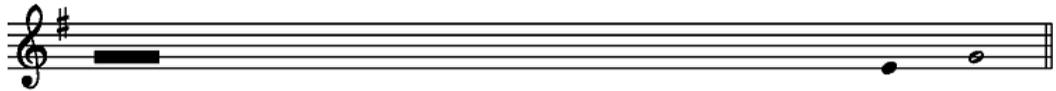
Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death;
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it:
Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death;

Text from Song of Solomon 8:6, 7 (KJV)

Responsory

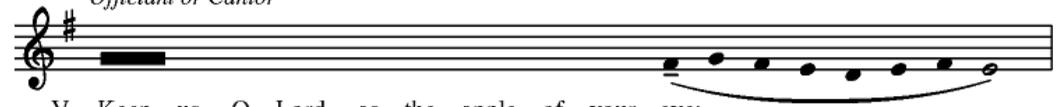


V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spi - rit;



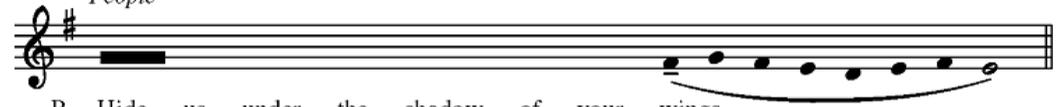
R. For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Officiant or Cantor



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

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R. Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Officiant

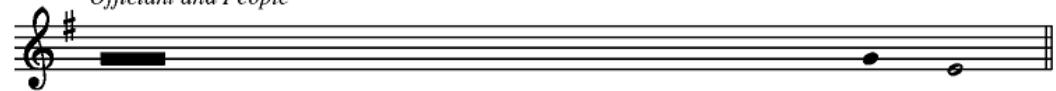
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Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mer - cy.

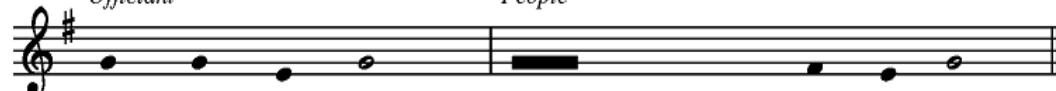
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Our Father, who art in heaven . . . deliver us from e - vil.

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

Officiant



Let us pray.

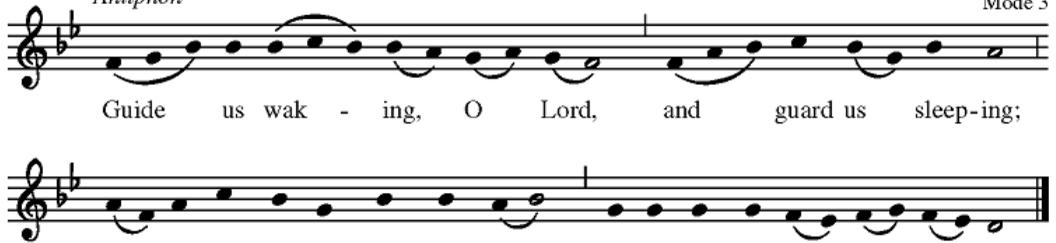
The Lord's Prayer and Collects

Sung by the Officiant; All sing the Amen.

Song of Simeon

The choir will sing the antiphon and the verses.

Antiphon Mode 3



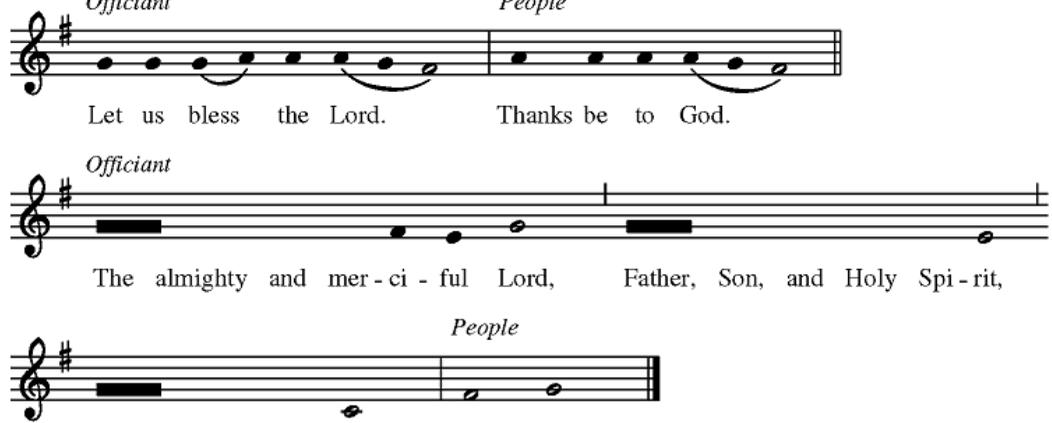
Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep-ing;
that a-wake we may watch with Christ, and a-sleep we may rest in peace.

Nunc dimittis

Chant setting by David Hurd (b. 1950)

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 – *We walk by faith, and not by sight*

Sung by the Choir

We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
from one who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod,
yet in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:

that when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are in full and endless sight.

Text by Henry Alford, 1844

Officiant

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