



AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 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, nor 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

People

per - fect end. A - men.

Officiant

Our help is in the name of the Lord;

People

The maker of heaven and earth.

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.*

Officiant *People*

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 23

Sung by the Choir

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
And leads me beside still waters.
He revives my soul *
And guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
For you are with me; *
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
You have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

After the reading all sing:



Thanks be to God.

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.

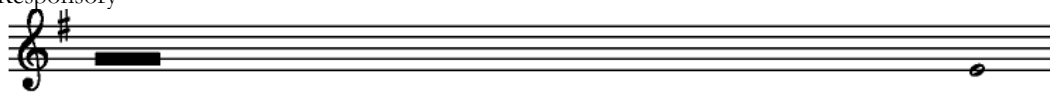
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Motet – *Psalm 23 (Scottish Psalter)*

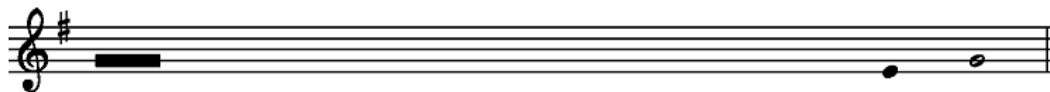
Arranged by Daniel Gawthrop, 2013

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie in pastures green;
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.
My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill, for thou art with me,
and thy rod and staff me comfort still.
A table thou hast furnished me in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

Responsory

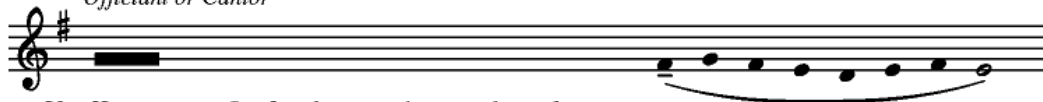


V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spi - rit;



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

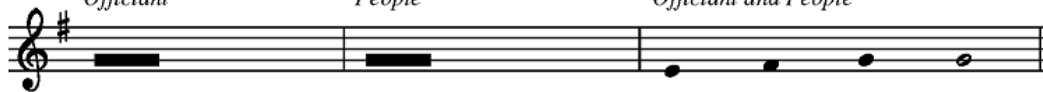


R. Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Officiant

People

Officiant and People



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

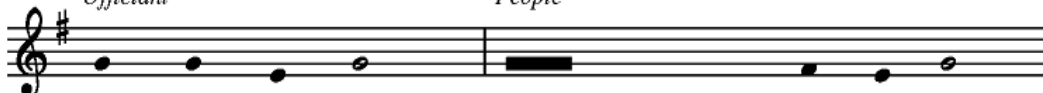
Officiant and People



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.

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

This is the final Compline service at St. John's during the 2020-2021 academic year.
Thank you for joining us online. Compline will return on Sunday, September 12.

Officiant

The Reverend David Killeen, Rector

St. John's Compline Choir

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Kristopher Watson, Tenor 2

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