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COMPLINE

Congregational Service Booklet

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The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning ‘completion’ (completorium). It has its origins in the monastic office for the end of the day, and so our prayer tonight is joined with the whole Church in giving thanks to God for the day past and for all past worshippers in this place, and in entrusting ourselves to His protection during the night ahead. Most of the service is sung by the choir to plainsong, simple chant which has been used by Christians since the earliest days of the Church. The congregation is encouraged to participate by listening to the choir, by joining in the parts in bold, and by keeping silence before and after the service. Through this reflective meditation, we allow God to speak to us amidst the stresses of life, and we offer our cares and concerns to Him. At the heart of tonight’s service is the ‘Nunc dimittis’. This can be found in the Gospel of St Luke as the song of Simeon, who was promised by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before seeing the salvation of God’s people. As the infant Jesus was brought before him in the Temple, he sang these words. So we are pointed beyond ourselves to the wider implications of Christ’s coming for the world, and at the same time we entrust all our cares into the unfailing mercy of God.

**Covid-19 Precautions**

You are very welcome to the College Chapel. Risk mitigation measures for Covid-19 transmission have been implemented to keep us all safe. Please note that face coverings are currently required by law to be worn in places of worship, and you are asked to maintain distancing of two metres from others not in your household wherever possible.

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Silence is kept before the service.

Please **STAND** as the choir and clergy enter for the **PREPARATION**:

+ The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

*All* 

**Amen.**

Brethren, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:
whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

*1 Peter 5: 8-9*

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All* 

**Thanks be to God.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord

*All* 

**who hath made heaven and earth.**

A period of silence for reflection on the past day follows.

**The CONFESSION is said:**

We confess

*All* 

**to God almighty,**
the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Ghost,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
through our own grievous fault.
Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.

Almighty God,
have mercy upon us,
forgive us all our sins
and deliver us from all evil,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and bring us to life everlasting;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Amen.**
The priest pronounces the **Absolution**:

May the almighty and merciful Lord
grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

All **REMAIN STANDING** as the choir sings the **Hymn**:

**Adesto Sancta Trinitas,**
**Par splendor, una Deitas,**
**Qui extas rerum omnium**
**Sine fine principium.**

**Be present, Holy Trinity:**
**Like splendour, and One Deity:**
**Of things above, and things below,**
**Beginning that no end shall know.**

**Te cælorum militia**
**Laudat, adorat, prædicat,**
**Triplexque mundi machina**
**Benedicit per sæcula.**

**Thee all the armies of the sky**
**Adore, and laud, and magnify;**
**And Nature, in her triple frame,**
**For ever sanctifies Thy Name.**

**Assumus et nos cernui**
**Te adorantes familii,**
**Vota precæseque supplicium**
**Hymnis iunge cælestium;**

**And we, too, thanks and homage pay,**
**Thine own adoring flock today:**
**O join to that celestial song**
**The praises of our suppliant throng!**
Unum Te lumen credimus,  
Quod et ter idem colimus,  
Alpha et O quem dicimus,  
Te laudat omnis Spiritus.

Light, sole and one, we Thee confess,
With triple praise we rightly bless;
Alpha and Omega we own,
With ev’ry spirit round Thy Throne.

Laus Patri sit Ingenito,  
Laus Eius Unigenito,  
Laus sit Sancto Spiritui  
Trino Deo et Simplici. Amen.

To Thee, O Unbegotten One,
And Thee, O Sole begotten Son:  
And Thee, O Holy Ghost we raise  
Our equal and eternal praise. Amen.

Please SIT as the choir sings the PSALMODY:

**H**ave mercy upon me, O God,  
and hearken unto my prayer.

**PSALM 4**

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness:
     thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon
     me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour:
     and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is
godly: when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not:
     commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness: and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say: Who will shew us any good?

Lord, lift thou up: the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart:
     since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil, increased.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest:
     for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.
GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God,
and hearken unto my prayer.

The **READING** (2 Corinthians 1: 3-7) is read:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

**All**

**Thanks be to God.**

*A period of silence may follow. The choir then sings the **RESPONSORY**:*

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.
I commend my spirit.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Keep me as the apple of an eye.
Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.
Please **STAND** for the **NUNC DIMITTIS**:

**P**RESERVE us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.

+ Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

*Luke 2: 29-32*

**P**RESERVE us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.

Please **SIT** or **KNEEL** for the **PRAYERS**:

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father,
which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers:
to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost:
let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:
to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

The almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing. Amen.
Let us pray.

The **COLLECT** is sung:

O LORD Jesus Christ, son of the living God, who at this evening hour didst rest in the sepulchre, and didst thereby sanctify the grave to be a bed of hope to thy people: make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins, which were the cause of thy passion, that when our bodies lie in the dust, our souls may live with thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

The **priest continues the PRAYERS**.

Please **REMAIN SEATED** for the **CONCLUSION**:

We will lay us down in peace and take our rest.
For it is thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, O Lord,

*All* for it is toward evening and the day is far spent.
As the watchmen look for the morning,
so do we look for thee, O Christ.

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

+ The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, bless us and preserve us.

Amen.

The choir sings the MARIAN ANTIPHON for the season:

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiæ, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevæ, Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte;
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

O, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry,
Poor banished children of Eve;
To thee do we send up our sighs,
Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate,
Thine eyes of mercy toward us;
And after this our exile,
Show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb,
Jesus. O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.

Salve Regina

Please REMAIN SEATED until the Clergy and Choir have left the Chapel. The congregation is invited to depart in silence.