MAGDALEN COLLEGE
OXFORD

COMPLINE

Congregational Service Booklet

Tuesday 15th June 2021

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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**

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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**:

*Martyr Dei qui unicum,*

*Martyr of God, whose strength was steeled*  
*Patris sequendo Filium,*  
*To follow close God's only Son,*  
*viccis triumphas hostibus,*  
*Well didst thou brave thy battlefield,*  
*victor fruens cælestibus.*  
*And well thy heavenly bliss was won!*

*Tui precatus munere,*  
*Now join thy prayers with ours, who pray*  
*nostrum reatum dilue,*  
*That God may pardon us and bless;*  
*arcens mali contagium,*  
*For prayer keeps evil's plague away,*  
*vitæ repellens tædium.*  
*And draws from life its weariness.*

*Soluta sunt iam vincula,*  
*Long, long ago, were loosed the chains*  
tui sacrati corporis,*  
*That held thy body once in thrall;*  
*nos solve vinculis sæculi,*  
*For us how many a bond remains!*  
*amore Filii Dei.*  
*O Love of God release us all.*
Honor Patri cum Filio, et Spiritu Paraclito, qui te corona perpetvi, cingunt in aula glorii. Amen. 

All praise to God the Father be, All praise to Thee, eternal Son; All praise, O Holy Ghost, to Thee While never ending ages run. Amen.

Please SIT as the choir sings the PSALMODY:

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

PSALM 91:

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the most High:

shall abide under shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strong hold:

my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter:

and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night:
	nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness:

nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand:

but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold: and see the reward of the ungodly.

For thou, Lord, art my hope:

thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee:

neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee:

to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands:

that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder:

the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.
Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him:
   I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.
He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.
With long life will I satisfy him: and shew him my salvation.

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 (Matthew 5: 13-16) is read:

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.
“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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**:

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 lestest 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*

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:

BE PRESENT, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours
of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances
of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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,

**All**

so do we look for thee, O Christ.

The Lord be with you

**All**

and with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.

**All**

Thanks be to God.

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

**All**

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 (simple tone)*

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