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# CHORAL COMPLINE

*The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*

Sunday 18 August 2024

The Crypt

7.00pm



The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (*completorium*). It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day.

The Compline Choir, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia and Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in western Washington state, is a unique community of laypersons with diverse beliefs that seeks to express musically a concern for the nurture and care of the soul—spiritual nourishment. The Compline Choir is a registered charity. All members of the Compline Choir, including its director, are volunteers and freely give of their time and talents to sing the office of Compline and support the Compline Choir's daily operations.

The Office of Compline at Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Seattle has its origins in the crypt of Canterbury Cathedral, where Peter Hallock, a Royal School of Church Music student from 1949 to 1951, and fellow classmates chanted Compline. At Hallock's invitation, 12 music students from the University of Washington gathered at Saint Mark's to study and sing plainsong. By late 1956, this group became the Compline Choir and began singing the Office of Compline for others on Sunday nights.

Compline has developed a lasting popularity of almost mythical proportions, unlike any other worship event in the Pacific Northwest. The service continues to attract a diverse congregation upwards of 250 people, who come to sit in the quiet and dimly lit nave, to listen to words and music, and to be renewed and comforted by this ancient liturgical office. Classical 98.1 KING-FM estimates that 10,000 or more listen to weekly radio or internet broadcasts.

## Scripture

*The Officiant says*

Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever,  
for wisdom and might are his.  
He revealeth the deep and secret things;  
he knoweth what is in the darkness,  
and the light dwelleth with him.

*The choir sings*

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone that  
loves is born of God, and knows God.

*Music: Alice Parker (1925-2023)*

*Stand*

## Preparation

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

**Amen.**

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

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Thanks be to God.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who hath made heaven and earth.**

*A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**We confess 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.**

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.

**Amen.**

Choir: 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.*

## **The Word of God**

*Please sit as the choir sings*

### **Psalms**

Psalm 134

Behold now, praise the Lord :  
all ye servants of the Lord;

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord :  
even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary :  
and praise the Lord.

The Lord that made heaven and earth :  
give thee blessing out of Sion.

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 show 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.

*Chants: Peter R Hallock (1924-2014)*

## Scripture Reading

Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy Name.  
Leave us not, O Lord our God.

*Jeremiah 14.9*

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Responsory

*Please stand as the Choir sings*

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 God of truth.  
*I commend my spirit.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
*Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit*

## Office Hymn

*Te lucis ante terminum,  
Rerum Creator poscimus,  
Ut pro tua clementia  
Sis praesul et custodia.*

*Procuul recedant somnia,  
Et notium phantasmata;  
Hostemque nostrum comprime,  
Ne polluantur corpora.*

To you before the close of day,  
Creator of all things we pray  
that in your constant clemency  
our guard and keeper you would be.

Save us from troubled, restless sleep,  
from all ill dreams your children keep;  
so calm our minds that fears may cease  
and rested bodies wake in peace.

Almighty Father, hear our cry  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord Most High,  
whom with the Spirit we adore  
for ever and for evermore. Amen.

*Music: Kevin Siegfried (b. 1969)*

Keep me as the apple of an eye  
*Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.*

## Gospel Canticle

Preserve 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.

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

*Setting: Erin Aas (b. 1974)*

*We intone together the*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit or kneel*

*Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*We intone together*

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

Choir: 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 and magnify him for ever.*  
Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:  
*to be praised and glorified above for ever.*  
The almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his  
blessing.  
*Amen.*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord.  
*Amen.*

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy; let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and may thy blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Anthem**

Sweet Infancy! O fire of heaven!  
O sacred Light how fair and bright, how great am I,  
Whom all the world doth magnify!  
O Heavenly Joy!  
O great and sacred blessedness which I possess!  
So great a joy who did into my arms convey?  
From God above being sent, the Heavens me enflame:  
To praise his Name the stars do move!  
The burning sun doth shew His love.  
O how divine am I!  
To all this sacred wealth, this life and health, who raised?  
Who mine did make the same? What hand divine?

## The Conclusion

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

**Amen.**

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