

Order of Service for Compline.

Choir process in in silence.

Choral Introit: ALL PRAISE TO THEE, MY GOD, THIS NIGHT

B. Bane

All praise to thee, my God, this night
For all the blessings of thy Light
Keep me, O keep me, king of Kings
Beneath thine own almighty wings.
O may my soul on thee repose,
And with sweet sleep my eyelids close
Sleep, that shall me more vig'rous make
To serve thee, Lord, when I awake.

Cantor

People

The Lord Al mighty grant us a peace - ful night and a per fect end. a - men

Orison: WE ON THIS NIGHT

B. Bane/J. Marshall

We on this night implore thy grace
And kneel before thy holy face.
Keep us from sin and bring us, Lord
Through this dark night to dawn's reward.

Reader: Beloved in Christ, 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. *I Peter 5: 8, 9a*

Reader: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir and PEOPLE

Thanks _____ be to God.

Sung by Choir:

O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Praise ye the Lord. *The Lord's name be praised.*

Psalm 31 (*Sung by Choir*) Setting by Henry Purcell

Reader:

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly of heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *Matthew 11: 28 - 30*

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the Everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. *Hebrews 13: 20, 21*

Choir and PEOPLE

Thanks _____ be to God.

Hymn: THE DAY THOU GAVEST, LORD, IS ENDED

Verse 1: SATB - Verse 2: S/A Unison - Verse 3: T/B Unison - Verse 4: SATB

1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed, the dark - ness
2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls
3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads
4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud

falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -
on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is
on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er
em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for

scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.
si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893) Music: *St. Clement*, Clement C. Scholefield (1839-1904)

Sung by Choir:

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

The Apostles Creed – intoned by the choir and PEOPLE. (*The congregation stands.*)

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, died, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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.

The congregation is seated.

Sung by Choir: Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison - Setting by Janet Hall (b. 1923)

The Lord's Prayer – intoned by Choir and PEOPLE.

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.

Confession and Absolution (*Spoken*)

Choir and PEOPLE: 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.

Reader: May the almighty and merciful Lord grant unto us pardon and remission of all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Versicles and Responses (*Sung by choir*)

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us.
That thy people may rejoice in thee.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.
O Lord have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, hear our prayer.
And let our cry come unto thee.

Cantor: Let us pray. (*Cantor intones one or more of the following*)

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.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

O Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God, who at this evening hour didst rest in the sepulcher, 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.

Look down, O Lord from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Choir and PEOPLE: Amen.

Anthem: I SAT DOWN UNDER HIS SHADOW Edward C. Bairstow

*I sat down under His shadow with great delight
And his fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to His banqueting house
and His banner over me was love.*

Reader: 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.

Nunc Dimittis (Sung by Choir)

Lord God, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as promised in your word.
My eyes have seen the Savior, Christ the Lord
prepared by you for all the world to see,
to shine on nations trapped in darkest night,
the glory of your people and their light.

Reader: 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.

Choir sings concluding Versicle and Blessing: – *setting adapted by David Hurd.*

Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*
The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

Choir processes out in silence.