

Over twenty-five years ago, the Pittsburgh Compline Choir began as an outgrowth of the Lutheran University Center's mission. As the Compline Choir has grown in scope, the Lutheran Campus Ministry, housed at the Lutheran University Center, continues to offer support in several different ways. The ministry of Compline is further supported by a very generous annual gift from First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in downtown Pittsburgh.

The ministry of Compline cannot exist on these two sources of support alone. Donations from individuals ensure the continued existence of this weekly service.

We would invite you to become a supporter of Compline, through a contribution left in the basket as you leave this evening. Thank you for your presence here tonight and for your support.

The Lutheran University Center, 4515 Forbes Ave, is where all college students are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Their pastor is Pastor Brian Bennett. They have a Thursday evening meal from 5:00pm-6:00pm, followed by GodTalk at 6:00 pm, and a Pub Theology at Fuel and Fuddle on Wednesday evenings at 8 pm. Their Sunday worship service is at 12:30 pm in Heinz Memorial Chapel. www.lucpgh.com

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 615 Grant St., is served by Senior Pastor Brian Evans. They offer Sunday services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am, as well as, weekday services of Holy Communion from 12:10-12:30 pm. www.flcpittsburgh.org

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend your ho - ly Church, that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

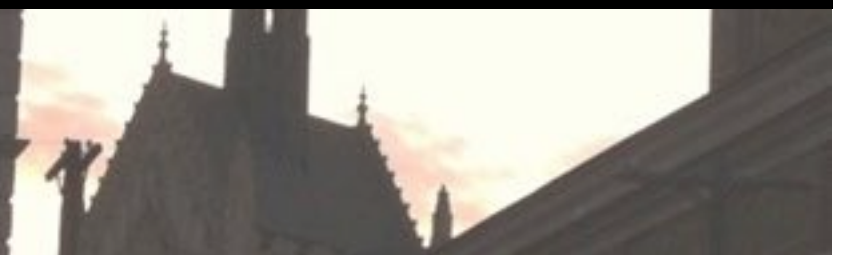
Son And bring to nought all he has done.
 we May sing your praise tri - um - phant - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.
 Tune: J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543

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Compline

Choral Prayer at the Close of Day



WELCOME TO COMPLINE

You are stepping into a service of worship that originated in the convents and monasteries of Europe more than a thousand years ago. We hope that Compline's ancient prayers for peace, forgiveness and safety through the coming night will touch your heart and you will be renewed and strengthened by this hour.

COMPLINE PLUS

We welcome PCC alumni and friends to this 'Compline Plus' Sunday night. Once each semester we are inviting friends to join the regular choir for 'Compline Plus' to experience the beauty of Compline from inside the choir stalls.

GUEST ORGANIST

Emily Lapisardi is Director of Music at St. Paul Parish (Greensburg), a Sacred Music graduate student at Duquesne University, holds a bachelor's degree in vocal performance (Honors College Outstanding Senior and Rhodes Scholarship candidate) from WVU and a certificate in liturgy from Notre Dame, and received a Communal Studies Association fellowship for research on hymnody.

THE ORISON

Lord Jesus Christ, my life, my light,
 My strength by day, my trust by night.
 On earth I'm but a passing guest,
 And sorely with my sins oppressed.

Order of Service

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Procession *(please stand, if able)*

The Prelude *(please sit)*

Adagio in E Major by Frank Bridge

The Opening Collect *(please stand)*


Congregation: Amen.

The Orison

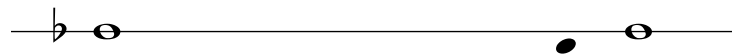
O Jesu Christ, Mein's Lebens Licht by J.S. Bach

The Opening Versicles

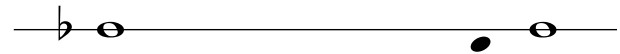
Leader: The Lord Almighty † grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

Congregation: 
 A - men

L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C 
 to sing praise to your name, O most high.

L to herald your love in the morning,

C 
 your truth at the close of the day.

The Congregational Hymn (back page)

Psalm 4 (Duncan Faulkner)

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer. "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?" Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me. Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord. Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord. You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase. I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety. Gloria.

Psalm 119 v137-144 (Tone 1.2)

Righteous art thou, O Lord, and true is thy judgement. The testimonies that thou hast commanded are exceeding righteous and true. My zeal hath even consumed me because nine enemies have forgotten thy words. Thy word is tried to the uttermost, and thy servant loveth it. I am small, and of no reputation, yet I do not forget thy commandments. Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth. Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me, yet is my delight in thy commandments. The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting; O grant me understanding, and I shall live. Gloria.

The Confession *(please sit)*

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for self-examination

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

L Amen.

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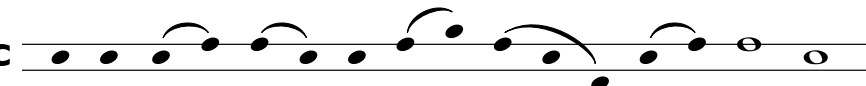
C Amen.

The Psalmody

The Lesson

The Responsory

L Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

C 
In - to your_ hands_ I com - mend___ my___ spi - rit.

L You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth

C Into your hands, I commend my spirit.

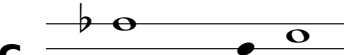
L Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

C Into your hands, I commend my spirit.

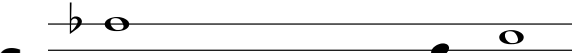
The Anthem

The Versicles *(please stand)*

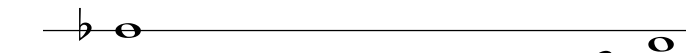
L Hear my prayer, O Lord.

C 
Listen to my cry.

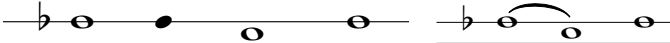
L Keep me as the apple of your eye;

C 
hide me in the shadow of your wings.

L In righteousness I shall see you;

C 
when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

The Litany



Lord have mer - cy. A - men.

The Lord's Prayer (Maurice Duruflé)

The Gospel Cantic (John W. Becker)

The Benediction

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

C 
A - men.

(Please remain standing as the choir recesses.)

THE ANTHEM
Christus Factus Est
by Anton Bruckner

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis. Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen.

Christ became obedient for us unto death, Even to the death, death on the cross. Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a name, which is above all names.

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

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. Gloria.

HELP US BE IN TOUCH

The Pittsburgh Compline Choir and Lutheran Campus Ministry would like to be able to let you know about special services, concerts, and events. We would be grateful if you would complete one of the information slips found in the narthex on your way out and hand it to any choir member. Thank you very much.

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