

For more than 25 years, the Pittsburgh Compline Choir has sung Compline's prayers for peace and safety through the coming night on Sunday evenings at Heinz Chapel. Established as a ministry of Lutheran Campus Ministry in Greater Pittsburgh, the choir is made up of singers from many different Christian denominations who rehearse bi-weekly at the Lutheran University Center. Financial support for the Pittsburgh Compline Choir comes **primarily from individual donors**. We rely upon the generosity of members of the congregation and friends of Compline for more than half of our annual budget. Additional funding is provided by First Lutheran Church, Downtown Pittsburgh, and Lutheran Campus Ministry.

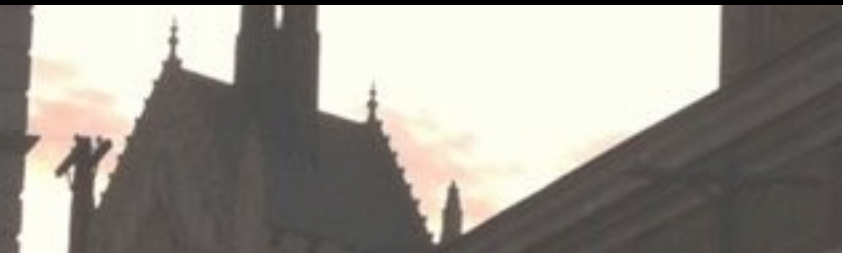
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The Lutheran University Center, 4515 Forbes Ave. All college students are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Their pastor is Pastor Brian Bennett. They have a Thursday evening meal from 5:00pm-6:00pm, followed by GodTalk at 6:00 pm, and a 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

Compline

Choral Prayer at the Close of Day



GUEST MUSICIAN

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Order of Service

First Sunday in Advent

Procession *(please stand, if able)*

The Prelude *(please sit)*

Dimanche de l'Avent by Alexis Chauvet
Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 645) by J.S. Bach

The Opening Collect *(please stand)*


Congregation: Amen.

The Orison

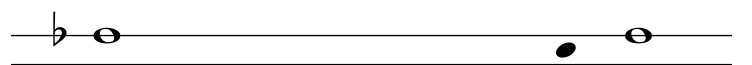
Adam Lay Abunden by Boris Ord

The Opening Versicles

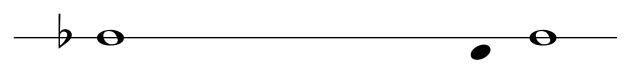
Leader: The Lord Almighty † grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

Congregation: 
A - men

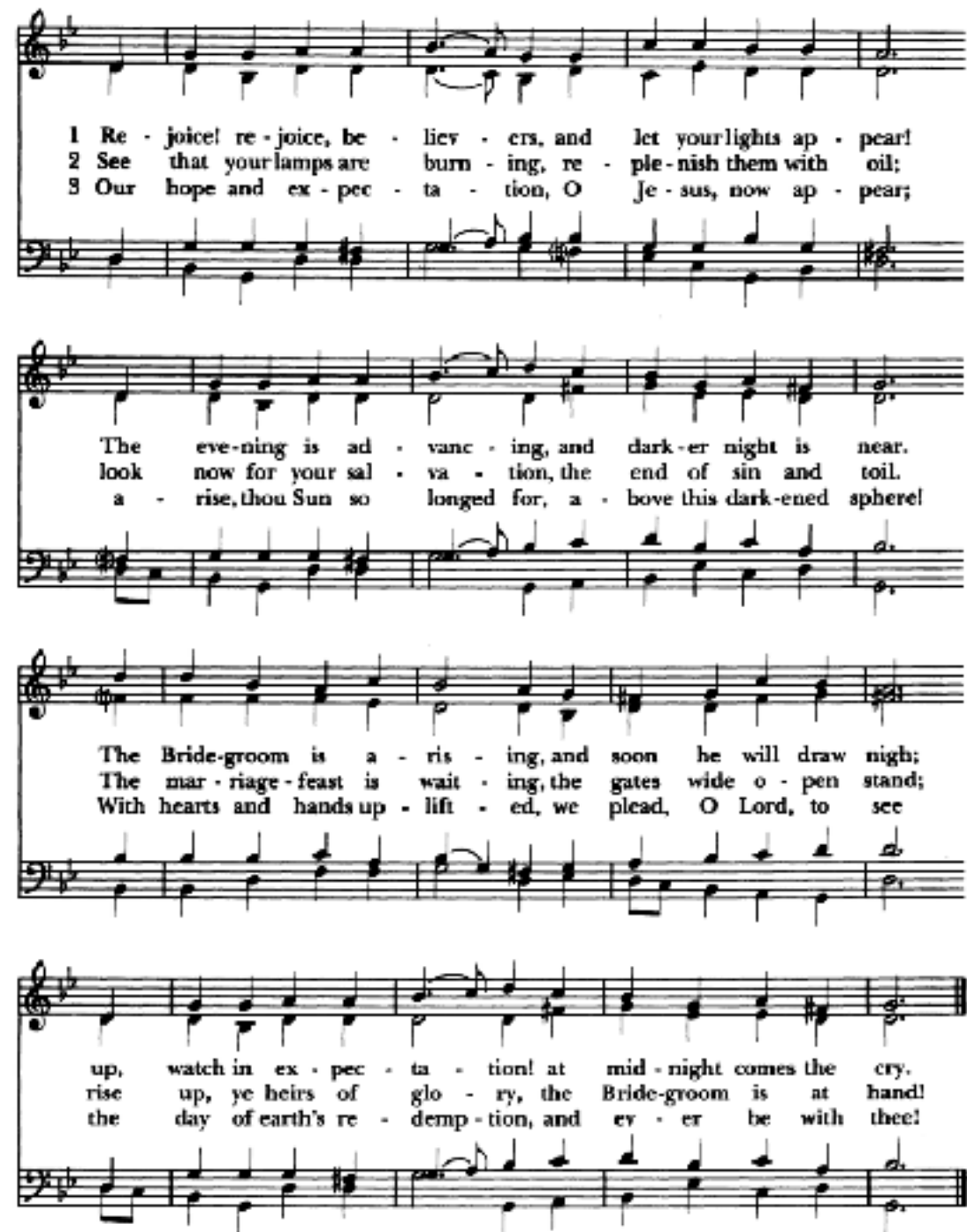
L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

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)



1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple - nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

THE ORISON

Adam lay abunden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took.
As clerkes finden,
Written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never our ladie,
A been heav'ne queen.

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was;
Therefore we moun singen:
Deo gracias!

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 122 (Tone 4.6)

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself. For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord. For there is the seat of judgement, even the seat of the house of David. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sake, I will wish thee prosperity. Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.

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 Responsoy

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.

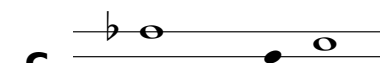
L Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

C Into your hands, I commend my spirit.

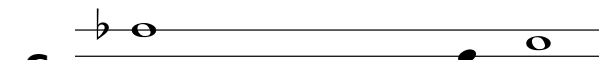
The Anthem

The Versicles (please stand)

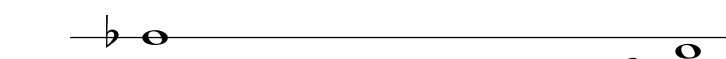
L Hear my prayer, O Lord.

C 
Listen to my cry.

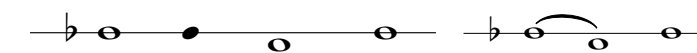
L Keep me as the apple of your eye;

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

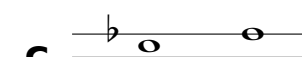

Lord have mer - cy. A - men.

The Lord's Prayer (Jacob Temple)

The Gospel Canticle (J.T. Harris)

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

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree by Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

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.

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