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If its ministry enriches your life, please make a generous donation during this, our Annual Fundraising Campaign.

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Please Support the Pittsburgh Compline Choir

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1.Hills of the North, re-joice, — ri-ver and moun-tain-spring,
 2.Isles of the South-ern seas, — deep in your cor-al caves
 3.Lands of the East, a-rise, — yours is the first bright dawn:
 4.Shores of the ut-most West, — see the full jour-ney done:
 5.Shout, while ye jour-ney home! — Songs be in ev-'ry mouth!

hark to the ad-vent voice, — val-ley and low-land,
 pent be each warr-ing breeze, — lulled be your rest-less
 o-pen the see-ing eyes, — greet you the world's true
 prai-rie and lake are blest, — bright with the set-ting
 Lo, from the North we come, — from East, and West, and

sing: Though ab-sent long, your Lord is high;
 waves: he comes to reign with bound-less sway,
 morn. The God of all, whom you would know
 sun. Far spreads the word that Je-sus died,
 South. Ci-ty of God, the bonds are free;

he judg-ment brings and vic-to-ry.
 and makes your wastes his great-high-way.
 and seek on high, seeks you be-low.
 yet lives and reigns the cru-ci-fied!
 we come to live and reign in thee!

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.

GUEST MUSICIAN

Justin Nichlaus Weilnau graduated from Lebanon Valley College (2013) with a B.S. in Biochemistry & Molecular biology and a B.A. in Music with concentrations in Organ Performance and Sacred Music. He studied both piano and organ with Dr. Shelly Moorman-Stahman while at LVC. He will graduate this December with a M.S. in Pharmacology from Duquesne University. In the spring he will begin a M.M in Organ Performance with Dr. Ann Labounsky Steele, also at Duquesne. Currently, Justin serves Glenshaw Presbyterian Church as Director of Music.

THE ORISON

O Heiland, reiß die Himmel auf,
 Herab, herab, vom Himmel lauf!
 Reiß ab vom Himmel Tor und Tür,
 Reiß ab, wo Schloss und Riegel für!

O klare Sonn', du schöner Stern,
 Dich wollten wir anschauen gern.
 O Sonn', geh auf, ohn' deinen Schein
 In Finsternis wir alle sein.

O Savior, tear open the heavens,
 flow down to us from heaven above;
 tear off heaven's gate and door,
 tear off every lock and bar.

O clear sun, thou fair star,
 we greatly desire to behold thee.
 O sun, rise, for without thy light
 we are all in darkness.

Order of Service

Second Sunday in Advent

Procession *(please stand, if able)*

The Prelude *(please sit)*

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland by Hugo Distler
Conditor alme siderum by Richard Warner

The Opening Collect *(please stand)*


Congregation: Amen.

The Orison

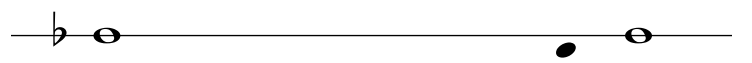
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The Opening Versicles

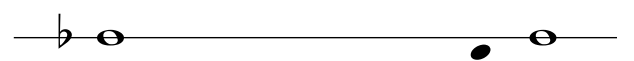
Leader: The Lord Almighty † grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

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 31 v1-5 (Tone 5.1)

n you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me. Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name lead me and guide me. Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, For you are my tower of strength. Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Gloria

Psalm 72 (Christopher Maxim)

Give the King thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son. Then shall he judge thy people according unto right - and defend the poor. The mountains also shall bring peace: and the little hills righteousness unto the people. He shall keep the simple folk by their right, defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong-doer. They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth, from one generation to another. He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool; even as the drops that water the earth. In his time shall the righteous flourish; yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth. Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel, which only doeth wondrous things; and blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever; and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. Amen.

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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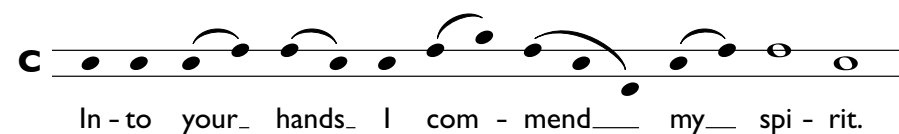
C Amen.

The Psalmody

The Lesson

The Responsory

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

C 

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

C Into your hands, I commend my spirit.

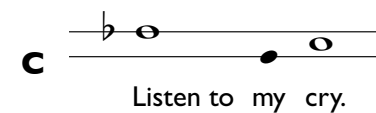
L Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

C Into your hands, I commend my spirit.

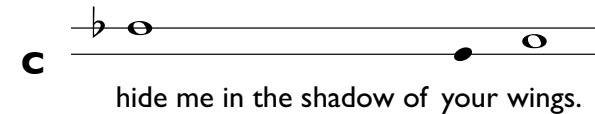
The Anthem

The Versicles (please stand)

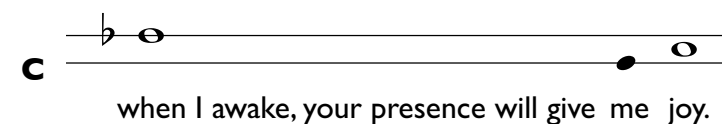
L Hear my prayer, O Lord.

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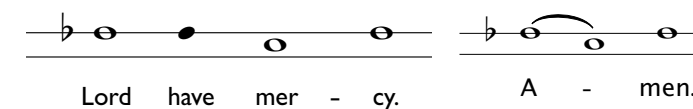
L Keep me as the apple of your eye;

C 

L In righteousness I shall see you;

C 

The Litany

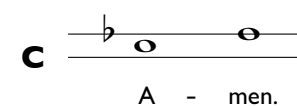


The Lord's Prayer (Maurice Duruflé)

The Gospel Canticle (Harrison Hackett)

The Benediction

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

C 

(Please remain standing as the choir recesses.)

THE ANTHEM Rorate Coeli by Jacob Handl

Rorate caeli desuper
et nubes pluant iustum.
Aperiat terra
et germinet salvatorem.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness:
let the earth open,
and let it bring forth a Saviour.*

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.

FINAL SERVICE

Tonight is the final service of the fall
semester. We wish you a very blessed
Christmas season, and hope to see you
in the New Year, beginning January 8th,
at 8 pm in Heinz Memorial Chapel.

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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