

Compline

Choral Prayer at the Close of Day



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 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

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.

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 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.

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.

Tonight is the final service of the spring semester. Compline will resume on September 10th, at 8pm, in Heinz Chapel. We wish you a very blessed summer season.

GUEST ORGANIST

Ann Labounsky, Ph.D., FAGO, Ch.M. serves as professor of organ and sacred music at Duquesne University and Organ Artist in Residence at First Lutheran Church.

THE ORISON

Round me falls the night; Savior, be my light; through the hours in darkness shrouded let me see thy face unclouded; let thy glory shine in this heart of mine.

Earthly work is done, earthly sounds are none; rest in sleep and silence seeking, let me hear thee softly speaking; in my spirit's ear whisper, "I am near."

Darkened now each ray o'er the traveler's way; let me know that Thou has found me; let me feel Thy arms around me; sure from every ill Thou wilt guard me still.

Blessèd, heavenly Light, shining through earth's night; voice, that oft of love hast told me; arms so strong to clasp and hold me; thou thy watch wilt keep, Savior, o'er my sleep.

Order of Service

First Sunday after Easter

Procession *(please stand, if able)*

The Prelude *(please sit)*

Fugue in E flat major (Clavierübung III, BWV 552) by J. S. Bach

The Opening Collect *(please stand)*

Congregation: Amen.

The Orison

Round Me Falls the Night by S.S. Wesley

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 (Tone 7)

When I cried for help, the God of my justice heard me; when I was in distress, Thou hast enlarged me. Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer. Ye sons of men, how long will you be hard of heart? Why love vanities and have recourse to lying? Know ye, that the Lord hath dealt wondrously with His Holy one: The Lord will hear me when I cry unto Him. When roused to anger, sin not: what you scheme in your hearts, deplore upon your beds. Offer a righteous sacrifice and put your trust in the Lord. Many there are that say: Who will show us good things? Let the light of Thy countenance shine upon us, O Lord! Thou hast given gladness to my heart, By the fruit of their corn, their wine, their oil, they are multiplied. In peace, then, shall I sleep and rest; For thou, O Lord! Makest me rest secure.

Gloria.

Psalm 16 (Andrej Savol)

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other." All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people. But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. Their libations of blood I will not offer nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed I have a goodly heritage. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. My heart therefore is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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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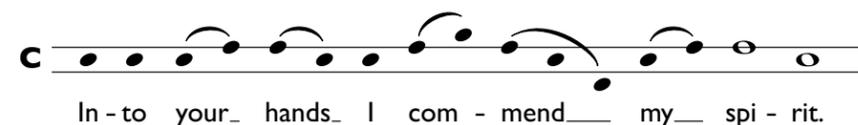
C Amen.

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.

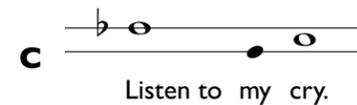
L Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

C Into your hands, I commend my spirit.

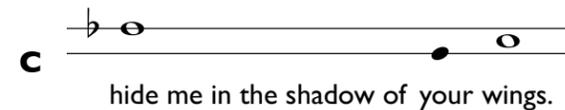
The Anthem

The Versicles *(please stand)*

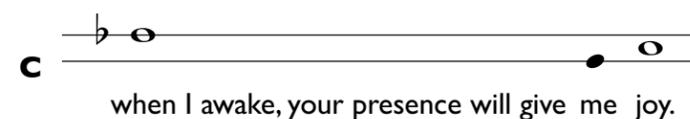
L Hear my prayer, O Lord.

C  Listen to my cry.

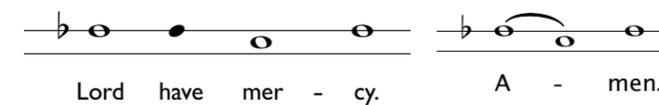
L Keep me as the apple of your eye;

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

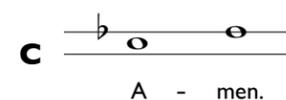
 Lord have mer - cy. A - men.

The Lord's Prayer (Jacob Temple)

The Gospel Canticle (Philip Moore)

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

Stars by Eriks Esenvalds

Alone in the night on a dark hill, with pines around me spicy and still, and heaven, a heaven full of stars over my head, oh misty red; myriads with beating hearts of fire; oh the eons cannot vex or tire;

The dome of heaven like a great hill and myriads with beating hearts of fire, heaven full of stars, I know I am honored to be witness of so much majesty.

With thanks to our tuned glass ringers:

- Anna Clark
- Bonnie Swenson
- Krista Johnston
- David Hartley
- Kelly Nan
- Michael Nan

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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