

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 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to thy cross I - cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood, From thy riv - en side which flowed,
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; Help - less, look to thee for grace;
 When I soar to worlds un - known, See thee on thy judg - ment throne,

Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self 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 ORGANIST

Jeffrey H. Gray has served as Organist and Director of Music and Liturgy at Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Carnegie, PA since 1981.

Jeff is a former member of the Compline Choir (from the mid 1990's), and is active in the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

THE ORISON

Ach großer König, groß zu allen Zeiten,
 Wie kann ich gnugsam diese Treu ausbreiten?
 Keins Menschen Herze mag indes ausdenken,
 Was dir zu schenken.

Ich kann's mit meinen Sinnen nicht erreichen,
 Womit doch dein Erbarmen zu vergleichen.
 Wie kann ich dir denn deine Liebestaten
 Im Werk erstatten?

*O mighty King, almighty through all ages,
 How shall I fitly strive to sing Thy praises?
 No mortal heart can ever hope to show Thee
 What it doth owe Thee.*

*My feeble tongue no counterpart can fashion
 With which it might compare Thy great compassion.
 How can I thanks for Thy good deeds, so tender,
 In works e'er render?*

Order of Service

Second Sunday in Lent

Procession *(please stand, if able)*

The Prelude *(please sit)*

From *Suite Gothique* by Leon Boellmann
 iii. Priere a Notre-Dame

The Opening Collect *(please stand)*

Congregation: Amen.

The Orison

Ach großer König, groß zu allen Zeiten 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 31 v.1-5 (Joseph Barnby)

In 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 121 (Tone 7.6)

I lift up mine eyes unto the hills; from whence cometh my help? My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot be moved and he that keepeth thee will not fall asleep. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord himself is thy keeper; the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand. So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth 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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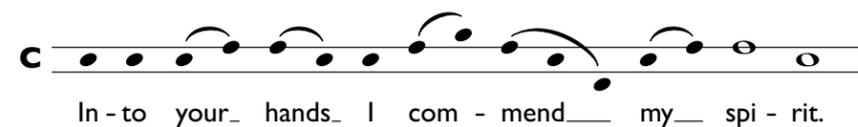
C Amen.

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.

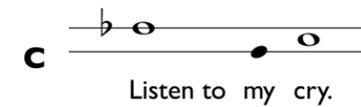
L Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

C Into your hands, I commend my spirit.

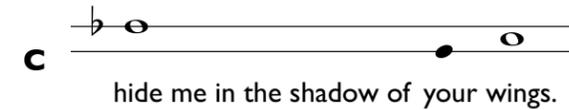
The Anthem

The Versicles *(please stand)*

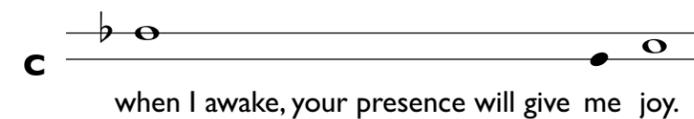
L Hear my prayer, O Lord.

C 
Listen to my cry.

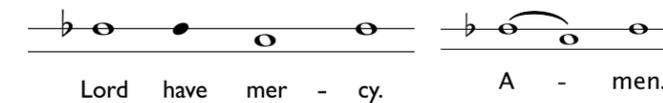
L Keep me as the apple of your eye;

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

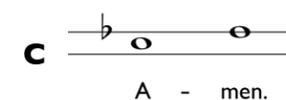

Lord have mer - cy. A - men.

The Lord's Prayer (Paul Ayres)

The Gospel Canticle (Mode 3)

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

Drop, Drop Slow Tears
by Alastair Stout

Drop, drop, slow tears,
And bathe those beautiful feet
Which brought from Heaven
The news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes,
His mercy to entreat;
To cry for vengeance
Sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods
Drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let His eye
See sin, but through my tears.

(This anthem was commissioned in 2002 by community of Fair Isle, the UK's most remote inhabited island.)

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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