

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](http://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](http://www.flcpittsburgh.org)

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, And on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my

I am his And he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 And, oh, what transport of delight  
 From thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
 Thy goodness faileth never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 Within thy house forever.

# 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.

Tonight's service is sung by the gentlemen of the Pittsburgh Compline Choir.

## GUEST ORGANIST

We welcome **Richard Spotts**, a native of Bucks County, Pennsylvania and a graduate of Westminster Choir College in Princeton. Richard has set out to perform and educate the public of Charles Tournemire's *L'Orgue Mystique*, with the ultimate goal of performing the complete fifteen-hour cycle in a recital series over a period of ten days. Mr. Spotts has given recitals at cathedrals, universities, and parishes throughout the United States and Canada and is writing a book on the subject.

## THE ORISON

In manus tuas, Domine,  
 commendo spiritum meum.  
 Redemisti me Domine,  
 Deus veritatis.

*Into your hands, O Lord,  
 I commend my spirit.  
 You have redeemed me, O Lord,  
 O God of truth.*

John 6:30

## Order of Service Fourth Sunday in Lent

### Before the Service

From *L'Orgue Mystique* by Charles Tournemire  
 XV. Postlude-Fantaisie

Procession (please stand, if able)

### The Prelude (please sit)

From *L'Orgue Mystique* by Charles Tournemire  
 XXXIV. Supplications et Fugue Modale

The Opening Collect (please stand)

**Congregation: Amen.**

### The Orison

*In Manus Tuas* by John Sheppard

### 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 23 (C. Hylton Stewart)**

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me, against them that trouble me; thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Gloria.

**Psalm 134 (Tone I.1)**

Behold now, praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord; the Lord that made heaven and earth give thee blessings out of Sion.

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.

**C** 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.

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

**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** (Robert Stone)

**The Gospel Canticle** (John Naylor)

**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**  
**Miserere Mihi Domine**  
**by William Byrd**

*Miserere mihi, Domine,  
et exaudi orationem meam.*

Have mercy upon me, O Lord,  
and hearken unto my prayer.

**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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