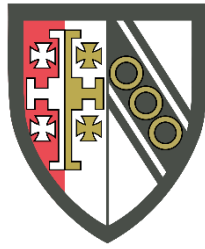


Selwyn College Chapel, Cambridge



THE ORDER FOR CHORAL COMPLINE

Wednesday 1 May 2024 at 9:30pm
The Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles

Please take care with candles. If you choose to have one, it is at your own risk. Beware dripping wax, and be vigilant about holding the flame away from your service sheet and neighbour. Do not hold candles by the drip-shields, or allow them to burn down too far.

If in doubt, blow it out!

*Please note that this service is being live-streamed here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NEXXsbkXQ-8>*

Please stand as the procession enters the chapel.

¶ **INTROIT** O nata lux
words: Office Hymn at Lauds for the Feast of the Transfiguration
music: Thomas Tallis (c1505-1585)

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi, Dignare clemens supplicum Laudes precesque sumere. Qui carne quondam contegi Dignatus es pro perditis, Nos membra confer effici Tui beati corporis.	<i>O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer. Thou who once was clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost, grant us to be members of thy blessed body.</i>
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Please remain standing.

¶ **PREPARATION**

Minister The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.
All **Amen.**

Minister Be sober, be vigilant;
because your adversary the devil,
as a roaring lion, walketh about,
seeking whom he may devour:
whom resist, steadfast in the faith.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us;
All **Thanks be to God.**

Minister Our help is in the name of the Lord
All **who hath made heaven and earth.**

A period of silence for reflection is observed.

¶ **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Minister We confess to God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed,
through our own grievous fault.
wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.

All Almighty God, have mercy upon us,
forgive us all our sins
and deliver us from all evil
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and bring us to life everlasting;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister May the Almighty and merciful Lord
grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Please remain standing.

¶ RESPONSES *(sung by the choir and cantor)*

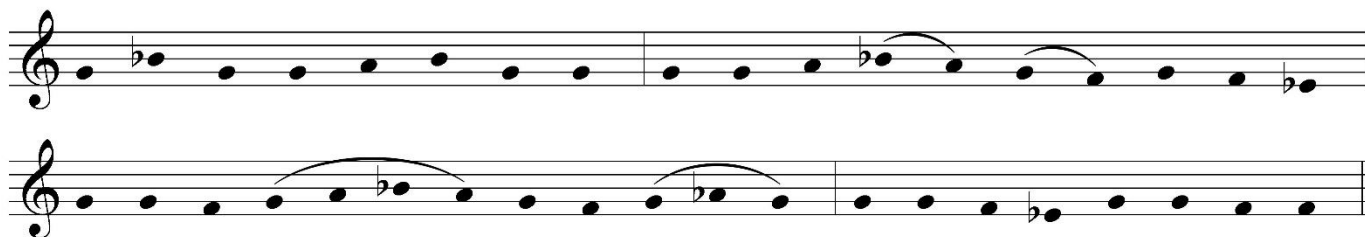
Minister O God, make speed to save us;

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Minister Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

¶ HYMN *(sung by all)*



1 Before the ending of the day, Creator of the world, we pray That with thy wonted favour thou, Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.	2 From all ill dreams defend our eyes, From nightly fears and fantasies; Tread under foot our ghostly foe, That no pollution we may know.
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3 O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son,
Who with the Holy Ghost and thee,
doth live and reign eternally.



A - men.

¶ PSALM 31: 1-6 (*sung by the choir*)

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

Psalm In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust :

let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me : make haste to deliver me.

And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence :

that thou mayest save me.

For thou art my strong rock, and my castle :

be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me :

for thou art my strength.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit :

for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

Gloria Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen

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

Please be seated.

¶ LESSON

A short passage from scripture is read, after which all say:

All **Thanks be to God.**

¶ RESPONSORY (*sung by the choir*)

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

I commend my spirit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

Keep me as the apple of an eye;

Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

Please stand.

¶ CANTICLE Nunc Dimittis
words: Luke 2: 29-32
music: Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

Antiphon Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace

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 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Antiphon Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace

Please sit or kneel.

¶ LESSER LITANY AND LORD'S PRAYER (*sung by all*)

Minister Lord, have mercy upon us.
All Christ, have mercy upon us.
Minister Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister Our Father,
**All which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into tempta-*tion*;
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.**

¶ **RESPONSES** (*sung by the choir and cantor*)

Minister Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers;
Choir To be praised and glorified above all for ever;
Minister Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
Choir Let us praise and magnify him for ever.
Minister Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;
Choir To be praised and glorified above all for ever.
Minister The Almighty and most merciful Lord
guard us and give us his blessing.
Choir Amen.
Minister Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;
Choir That thy people may rejoice in thee?
Minister O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Minister Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin;
Choir O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
Minister O Lord, hear our prayer;
Choir And let our cry come unto thee.
Minister Let us pray.

Then follow the Collects (prayers), to which the choir respond Amen.

¶ **ANTHEM** Christe, qui lux es et dies (IV)
words: Office Hymn for Compline
music: Robert Whyte (c1538-1574)

Christe qui lux es et dies,
Noctis tenebras detegis,
Lucisque lumen crederis,
Lumen beatum praedicans.

Precamur Sancte Domine,
Defende nos in hac nocte,
Sit nobis in te requies,
Quietam noctem tribue.

Ne gravis somnus irruat,
Nec hostis nos surripiat,
Nec caro illi consentiens,
Nos tibi reos statuatur.

*Christ, who art the light and day,
You drive away the darkness of night,
You are called the light of light,
For you proclaim the blessed light.*

*We beseech you, Holy Lord,
Protect us this night.
Let us take our rest in you;
Grant us a tranquil night.*

*Let our sleep be free from care;
Let not the enemy snatch us away,
Nor flesh conspire within him,
And make us guilty in your sight.*

Oculi somnum capiant,
Cor ad te semper vigilet,
Dextera tua protegat
Famulos qui te diligunt.

*Though our eyes be filled with sleep,
Keep our hearts forever awake to you.
May your right hand protect
Your willing servants.*

Defensor noster aspice,
Insidiantes reprime,
Guberna tuos famulos,
Quos sanguine mercatus es.

*You who are our shield, behold;
Restrain those that lie in wait.
And guide your servants whom
You have ransomed with your blood.*

Memento nostri Domine
In gravi isto corpore,
Qui es defensor animae,
Adesto nobis Domine.

*Remember us, O Lord,
Who bear the burden of this mortal form;
You who are the defender of the soul,
Be near us, O Lord.*

Deo Patri sit gloria,
Eiusque soli Filio,
Cum Spiritu Paraclito,
Et nunc et in perpetuum. Amen.

*Glory be to God the Father,
And to his only Son,
With the Spirit, Comforter,
Both now and evermore. Amen.*

Please stand.

¶ CONCLUDING RESPONSES

Minister Abide with us O Lord;
All **for it is toward evening and the day is far spent**

Minister As the watchmen look for the morning;
All **so do we look for thee, O Christ.**

Minister Come with the dawning of the day
All **and make thyself known in the breaking of bread.**

Minister The Lord be with you;
All **and with thy spirit.**

Minister Let us bless the Lord;
All **Thanks be to God.**

Minister The Almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
bless and preserve us this night and for evermore. **Amen.**

Minister May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace, and rise in glory. **Amen.**

¶ REGINA COELI (*sung by all*)



Joy to thee O Queen of hea - ven, Al - le - lu - ia!



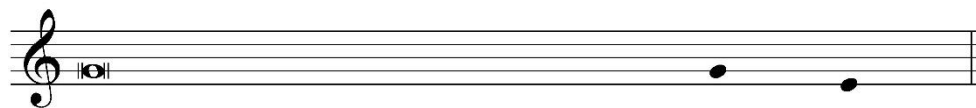
He whom thou wast meet to bear Al - le - lu - ia!



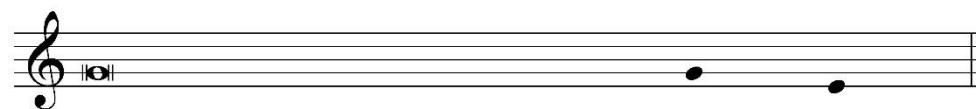
As he pro-mis'd hath a - ris'n, Al - le - lu - ia!



Pour for us to God thy prayer Al - le - lu - ia!



Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alle-lu - ia.



For the Lord is risen indeed. Alle - lu - ia.

Minister

Let us pray.

O God, who through the resurrection of thy Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
didst vouchsafe to give joy to the whole world:
grant, we beseech thee, that through his Mother,
the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.
Through the same Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Please remain standing as the clergy and choir leave the chapel.

*Please blow out your candle before you leave your seat,
and leave used candles and drip-shields in the box at the door as you leave.*

Please join us for refreshments in the ante-chapel after the service.