

THE ORDER FOR CHORAL COMPLINE

Wednesday 22 November 2023 at 9:30pm, Selwyn College Chapel

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!

INTROIT: Upon your heart
 words: Song of Solomon 8: 6-7, John 15: 9-12
 music: Eleanor Daley (b.1955)

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
 as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,

Many waters cannot quench love,
 neither can floods drown it.

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love
Love one another as I have loved you, then shall your joy be complete

Please remain standing.

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.

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.

Minister Praise ye the Lord;

Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 31:1-6

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

1. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust :

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

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

3. And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence : that thou mayest save me.

4. For thou art my strong rock, and my castle :

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

5. Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me : for thou art my strength.

6. Into thy hands I commend my spirit :

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

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

Have mercy upon me O God and hearken unto my Prayer

Please be seated.

THE LESSON:

A short scripture lesson is read after which all say:

All Thanks be to God.

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;

Please stand. The Choir sings the hymn

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. Amen.

Keep me as the apple of an eye; Hide me under the shadow of thy wing

NUNC DIMITTIS in B flat

words: Luke 2: 29-32

music: Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

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

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.
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.

**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**

The choir turns and faces East. All are invited to join in the creed:

THE CREED

Minister I believe in God

All the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried:

He descended into hell;

The third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven,

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church;

The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;

The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

All turn to face the centre.

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 temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

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.

Please be seated.

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 seated when the choir stands.

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, to which the Choir respond Amen.

Please remain seated for the anthem.

ANTHEM: Hymn to the Creator of Light

music: John Rutter (b.1945)

**words: Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626), trans. Alexander Whyte,
and J. Franck (1618-1677) trans. Catherine Winkworth**

Glory be to thee, O Lord, glory be to thee,

Creator of the visible light,

the sun's ray, the flame of fire;

Creator also of the light invisible and intellectual:

that which is known of God, the light invisible.

Glory be to thee, O Lord, glory be to thee,

Creator of the light.

for writings of the law, glory be to thee:
for oracles of prophets, glory be to thee:
for melody of psalms, glory be to thee:
for wisdom of proverbs, glory be to thee:
experience of histories, glory be to thee:
a light which never sets.
God is the Lord, who hath shewed us light.

Light, who dost my soul enlighten;
Sun, who all my life dost brighten;
Joy, the sweetest man e'er knoweth;
Fount, whence all my being floweth.
From thy banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
Through the gifts thou here dost give us,
As thy guest in heaven receive us.

Please stand.

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.
All Amen.

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

Please remain standing as the clergy and choir leave the Chapel. All depart in silence.

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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.