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

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.

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.
¶ 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,  Christ, who art the light and day,
Noctis tenebras detegis,    You drive away the darkness of night,
Lucisque lumen crederis,     You are called the light of light,
Lumen beatum praedicans.    For you proclaim the blessed light.

Precamur Sancte Domine, We beseech you, Holy Lord,
Defende nos in hac nocte, Protect us this night.
Sit nobis in te requies,   Let us take our rest in you;
Quietam noctem tribue.    Grant us a tranquil night.

Ne gravis somnus irruat,   Let our sleep be free from care;
Nec hostis nos surripiat,   Let not the enemy snatch us away,
Nec caro illi consentiens,  Nor flesh conspire within him,
Nos tibi reos statuat.      And make us guilty in your sight.
Oculi somnum capiant,           Though our eyes be filled with sleep,
Cor ad te semper viglet,         Keep our hearts forever awake to you.
Dextera tua protegat             May your right hand protect
Famulos qui te diligunt.         Your willing servants.

Defensor noster aspice,           You who are our shield, behold;
Insidiantes reprime,             Restrain those that lie in wait.
Guberna tuos famulos,            And guide your servants whom
Quos sanguine mercatus es.       You have ransomed with your blood.

Memento nostri Domine            Remember us, O Lord,
In gravi isto corpore,           Who bear the burden of this mortal form;
Qui es defensor animae,          You who are the defender of the soul,
Adesto nobis Domine.             Be near us, O Lord.

Deo Patri sit gloria,            Glory be to God the Father,
Eiusque soli Filio,              And to his only Son,
Cum Spiritu Paraclito,           With the Spirit, Comforter,

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 heaven, Alle-lu-ia!

He whom thou wast meet to bear Alle-lu-ia!

As he promis'd hath aris'n, Alle-lu-ia!

Pour for us to God thy prayer Alle-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.