



## Compline

The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (completorium). It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. It is most effective when the ending is indeed an ending, without additions, conversation or noise. If the service is in church, those present depart in silence; if at home, they go quietly to bed.

### Preparation

*Cantor* *All*

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. A-men.

*Cantor*

Brethren, 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.

*Cantor*

Our help is in the name of the Lord

*All*

who hath made heaven and earth.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day follows.

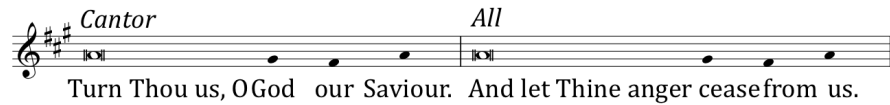
All We confess to God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost,  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
through our own grievous fault.  
Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.

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.

Priest 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.

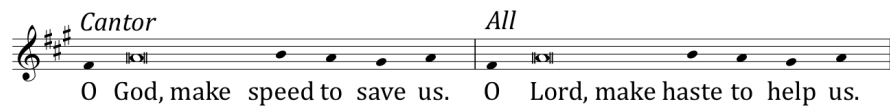
All Amen.

*Cantor* *All*



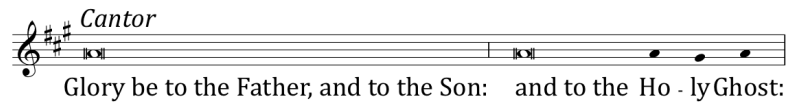
Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour. And let Thine anger cease from us.

*Cantor* *All*



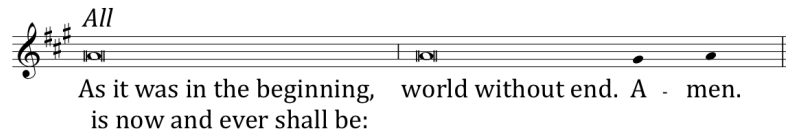
O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Cantor*



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

*All*



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

*Cantor* *All*



Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

The following hymn is sung



*Cantor* Be - fore the end - ing of the day,  
From all ill dreams de - fend our eyes,  
O Fa - ther, that we ask be done,  
*All* Cre - a - tor of the world, we pray  
From night - ly fears and fan - ta - sies;  
Through Je - sus Christ, thine on - ly Son;  
That with thy wont - ed fa - vour thou  
tread un - der foot our ghost - ly foe,  
Who, with the Ho - ly Ghost and thee,  
Wouldst be our guard and keep - er now.  
That no pol - lu - tion we may know.  
Doth live and reign e - ter - na - ly. A - - - men.

## The Word of God

### *Psalmody*



*Cantor* Have mer-cy up-on me, O God, and heark-en un-to my prayer.  
*All*

Psalm 91



1. *Cantor* Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High :  
*All* shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope,  
and my strong-hold :  
my God, in him will I trust.

3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunt-er :  
and from the noi-some pestilence.

4 He shall defend thee under his wings,\*  
and thou shalt be safe under his feath-ers :  
his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night :  
nor for the arrow that fli-eth by day;

6 For the pestilence that walketh in dark-ness :  
nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall beside thee,\*  
and ten thousand at thy right hand :  
but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou be-hold :  
and see the reward of the ungodly.

9 For thou, Lord, art my hope :  
thou hast set thine house of de-fe nce ve-ry high.

10 There shall no evil happen unto thee :  
neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwell-ing.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee :  
to keep thee in all thy ways.

- 12 They shall bear thee in their hands :  
that thou hurt not thy foot a-gainst a stone.
- 13 Thou shalt go upon the lion and ad-der :  
the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread un-der thy feet.
- 14 Because he hath set his love upon me,\*  
therefore will I de-liv-er him :  
I will set him up, because he hath known my name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will hear him :  
yea, I am with him in trouble;\*  
I will deliver him, and bring him to ho-nour.
- 16 With long life will I satis-fy him :  
and shew him my sal-va-tion.

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 with-out end. A-men.

*Psalm 134*



- 1 *Cantor* Behold now, praise the Lord :  
*All* all ye ser-vants of the Lord;
- 2 Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord :  
even in the courts of the house of our God.
- 3 Lift up your hands in the sanc-tu-a-ry :  
(-) (-) and praise the Lord.
- 4 The Lord that made heaven and earth :  
give thee blessing out of Si-on.

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 with-out end. A-men.

*Cantor* *All*



Have mer-cy up-on me, O God, and heark-en un-to my prayer.

Scripture Reading

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *Matthew 11.28-30*

All Thanks be to God.

*Cantor*



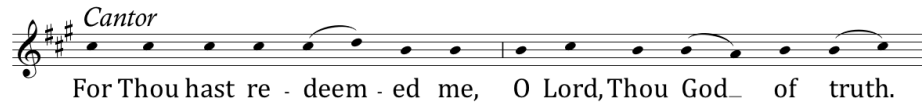
In - to Thy hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spi - rit.

*All*



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*Cantor*



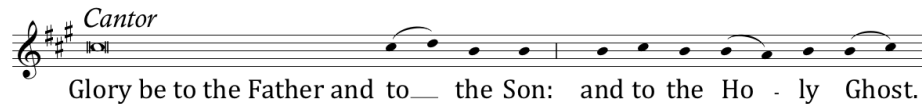
For Thou hast re - deem - ed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth.

*All*



I com - mend my spi - rit.

*Cantor*




Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Ho - ly Ghost.

*All*



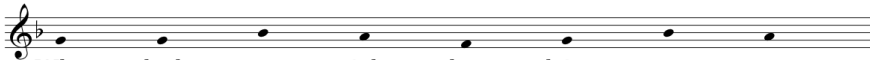
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Office Hymn



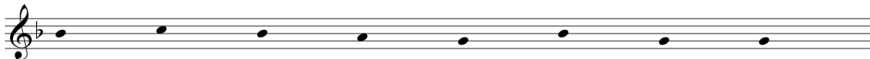
*Cantor*

1. O Christ, which art the Light and Day,
2. All ho - ly Lord, to Thee we bend,
3. Let not dull sleep the soul op - press,
4. Let but the eyes due slum - ber take,
5. Look down O Lord, our strong De - fence;
6. Re - mem - ber us, dear Lord, we pray,
7. All laud to God the Fa - ther be;




*All*

1. Who dark - some night dost drive a - way:
2. Thy ser - vants through this night de - fend:
3. Nor craf - ty foe the heart pos - ess,
4. The heart to Thee be aye a - wake:
5. Re - press our foes' proud in - so - lence:
6. Pent in this cum - b'ring frame of clay:
7. All praise, e - ter - nal Son to Thee:



1. Thee ve - ry Light of Light we own,
2. O grant us calm re - pose in Thee,
3. Nor Sa - tan's wiles the flesh al - lure,
4. And Thy Right Hand pro - tec - tion be -
5. Pre - serve and gov - ern us for good -
6. Thou on - ly can'st the soul de - fend;
7. All glo - ry, as is e - ver meet,



1. Who hast Thy glor - ious Light made known.
2. A qui - et night from per - ils free.
3. To make us in Thy sight im - pure.
4. To them who love and trust in Thee.
5. The pur - chase of Thy pre - cious Blood.
6. Be with us, Sav - iour, to the end.
7. To God the Ho - ly Par - a - clete.



A - men.

*Cantor*  
Keep me as the ap-ple of an eye;

*All*  
Hide me un-der the sha-dow of thy wings.

*Cantor*      *All*  
Pre-serve us, O Lord while wa-king and guard us while sleep-ing,  
That a - wake we may watch with Christ,  
and a - sleep we may rest in peace.


*Gospel Canticle "Nunc dimittis" (The Song of Simeon)*

*v.l. only*


- 1 *Cantor* Lord, now lettest thou thy ser-vant de-part in peace :  
*All* according to thy word.
- 2 For mine eyes have seen thy sal-va on;   
 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peo-ple;
- 3 To be a light to light-en the Gen otiles :  
 and to be the glory of thy people Is-ra-el. Luke 2.29-32
- Glory be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son :  
 and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be :  
 world without end. A-men.



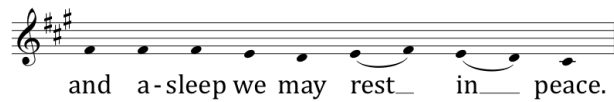
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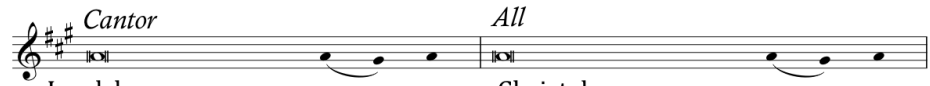
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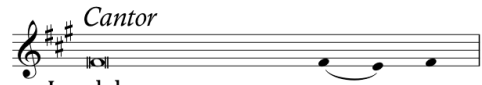
## Prayers

*Cantor* *All*




Lord, have mercy up - on us; Christ, have mercy up - on us;

*Cantor*



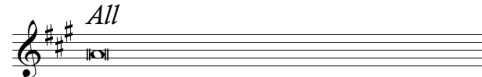
Lord, have mercy up - on us.

*Cantor*

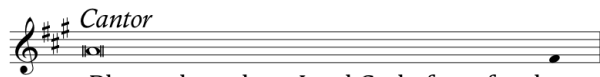


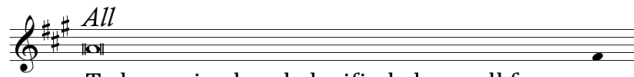
Our Father,

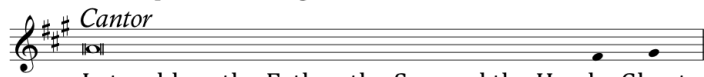
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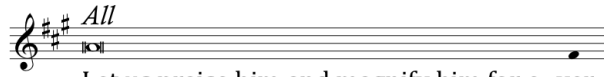


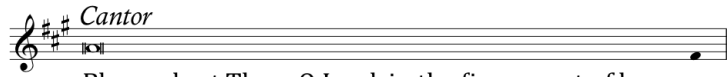
which art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name;  
 thy kingdom come;  
 thy will be done,  
 in earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation;  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 Amen.

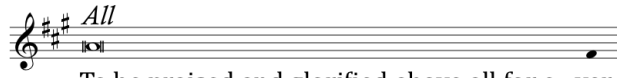
*Cantor*  
  
Bless-ed art thou, Lord God of our fa- thers;

*All*  
  
To be praised and glorified above all for e- ver.


*Cantor*  
  
Let us bless the Father, the Son and the Ho - ly Ghost;

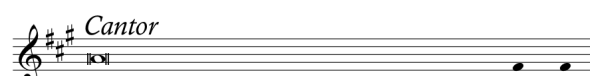
*All*  
  
Let us praise him and magnify him for e- ver.

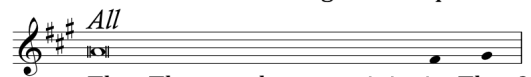
*Cantor*  
  
Bless-ed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of hea- ven;


*All*  
  
To be praised and glorified above all for e- ver.

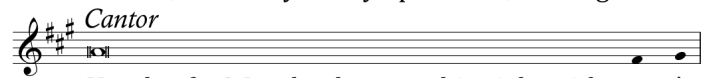
*Cantor*  
  
The almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his bless- ing.

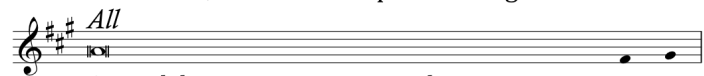
*All*  
  
A - men.

*Cantor*  
  
Wilt thou not turn again and quick-en us;

*All*  
  
That Thy people may rejoice in Thee?

*Cantor* *All*  
  
O Lord, shew Thy mercy up-on us; And grant us Thy salva- tion.

*Cantor*  
  
Vouchsafe, O Lord to keep us this night with- out sin;

*All*  
  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up-on us.

*Cantor* *All*  
O Lord, hear our prayer; And let our cry come un-to Thee.

*Cantor*  
Let us pray.

Visit we beseech Thee, O Lord, this place,  
and drive from it all the snares of the enemy;  
let Thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve  
us in peace; and may Thy blessing be upon  
us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*  
A - men.

*Cantor*  
Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord;  
and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils  
and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy  
only Son, our Saviour, Je - sus Christ.

*All*  
A - men.

