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Welcome to Compline with the Emmaus Community!

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.

The service consists primarily of sung prayers and hymns, interspersed with spoken prayers and a reading from scripture. This program has been specially adapted for the Season of Advent.

The language for this worship is derived from *The Book of Common Prayer* (1662). In some places, we have adapted the language to reflect a wider inclusivity and changes in language since that time. Elsewhere we have retained the language of the original text.

We acknowledge with humility that we worship on the unceded lands of the Songhees and Esquimalt people. We recognize the Church's complicity and participation in the residential school system and commit ourselves to the ongoing work of restorative justice, healing, and decolonization.

An Order for Compline

Bell x 3.

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

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to you Source of all being,

Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;

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

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

Psalmody

One of the following psalms are chanted:

Psalm 80

1. Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *

Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh; *

Stir up your strength and come to help us.

3. Restore us, O God of hosts; * Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

4. O Lord, God of Hosts * How long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5. You have fed them with the bread of tears; * You have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6. You have made us the derision of our neighbours,*

And our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7. Restore us, O God of hosts; *
Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

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.

<u>Psalm 31: 1-6</u>

- 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 hidden 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.

Lesson

Keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake. *Mark* 13:35-37 *Response:* **Thanks be to God.**

Short period of silence.

Responses

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.

Hymn: Conditor alme siderum
Creator of the stars of night,
Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
We pray you hear us when we call.

In sorrow that the ancient curse Should doom to death a universe, You came, O Saviour, to set free Your own in glorious liberty.

When this old world drew on toward night, You came, but not in splendor bright, Not as a monarch but the child Of Mary, blameless mother mild.

At your great Name, O Jesus, pray, All knees must bend, all hearts must bow; All things on earth with one accord,

Like those in heaven, shall call you Lord

Come in your holy might, we pray, Redeem for us eternal day; Defend us while we dwell below From all assaults of our dread foe.

To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One, Praise, honour, might, and glory be From age to age eternally.

Antiphon & Nunc Dimittus

Keep us as the apple of an eye; Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.

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. Apostles Creed
Stand, if desired.

People: I believe in God,
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:

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of Sins; the +Resurrection of the body And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Responses & Lord's Prayer

Let us pray. (Kneel or sit, as desired.)

Lord have mercy upon us. **Christ have mercy upon us.** Lord have mercy upon us.

People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not unto temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory. Amen.

Officiant: Blessed art thou, Lord God of our forebears; People: To be praised and glorified above all forever.

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; Let us praise and magnify God for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven; To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us God's blessing. Amen.

We confess to Almighty God, 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.

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.

Officiant: May the Almighty and most merciful Lord grant unto us pardon and remission of all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us: * That thy people may rejoice in thee?

O Lord show thy mercy upon us; *

And grant us thy salvation.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin. *

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, hear our prayer. *

And let our cry come unto thee.

Collects

Collect(s) for the Day.

Response: Amen.

Collect for Protection

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. **Amen.**

Collect for Aid against all Perils

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 Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers & Final Responses

<u>Night Prayer - from A New Zealand Prayer Book</u>

Lord, it is night.

The night is for stillness.

Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.

What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be.

The night is dark.

Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives

rest in you.

The night is quiet.

Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,

all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities.

In your name we pray.

Amen.

One or more of the following prayers may be said: Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Responses

We will lay us down in peace and take our rest*
For it is thou Lord only that makest us dwell in safety.

The Lord be with you; * And with thy spirit.

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

Officiant: Almighty and Merciful God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. **Amen.**

Thank you for joining us! We hope to see you again on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Visit our website to learn more about the Emmaus Community: www.emmauscommunity.ca

We gather for worship with our broader community on Sundays at 4pm. You can learn about AbbeyChurch here: www.abbeychurch.ca

May the peace of God be with you, this night and always.

