

The Service of Compline



St. David's United Church
Sunday November 14, 2021
7:30 PM

Officiating – Rev. Peggy McDonagh
Music – Chamber Choir Cantor – Ruth Cross

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

God, grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

Amen.

Our help is in the name of Creator God

Who made heaven and earth.

Beloved in Christ, be self-controlled and alert. May we give thanks for our blessings and look to where we may serve you.

Thanks be to God.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to God

Cantor: O God, make speed to save us;

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor: 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.

Cantor: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

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Psalm 16

Refrain

M. Christian T. Strover 1973

The image shows a musical score for the refrain of Psalm 16. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. Above the treble staff, there are three chord markings: Ebmaj7, Dm7, and Cm. The lyrics 'Pro - tect me, God. I trust in you.' are written below the treble staff, with vertical lines connecting the notes to the words. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I have said to God, 'You are my God;
from you alone comes all my prosperity.'

**All my delight is in the faithful who dwell in the land,
and in those who excel in virtue.**

But as for those who run after other gods,
their troubles shall be multiplied.

**Libations of blood I will not offer to those gods,
nor will I take their names upon my lips. R**

You, God, are my allotted portion and my cup;
you yourself have cast my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed I have a noble heritage.

I will thank you, God, for giving me counsel;
at night also you teach my heart.

I keep you always before me;
**you are on my right hand,
therefore I shall not fall. R**

So my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
for my body shall also rest in safety.

**For you will not surrender me to the Grave,
nor suffer your beloved to see the Abyss.**

You will show me the path of life.

**In your presence is fullness of joy;
and from your right hand flow delights
for evermore. R**

Thou, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by thy
name. leave us, not, O lord our God.

Thanks be to God.

Cantor: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Choir: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**Cantor: Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of
truth.**

Choir: I commend my spirit.

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

Choir: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

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May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
and the Maker's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favour,
rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
held together by the Word,
and possess, in rich communion,
joys which earth cannot afford.

Cantor: Keep me as the apple of an eye;
Choir: Hide me 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.**

Nunc Dimittis (sung by choir) 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.

The Creed (said by all) **We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and**

serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Kyrie: Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer (said by all)

Confession and Absolution

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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. 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.

May the almighty and 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.

Amen

Cantor: Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;

Choir: That thy people may rejoice in Thee.

Cantor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir: And grant us thy salvation

Cantor: Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep this night without sin;

Choir: O lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

Cantor: O Lord, hear our prayer;

Choir: And let our cry come unto Thee.

Prayers of the People

During each bidding, each time you hear, "God, Giver of Life,"
The response is: **Hear our prayer**

Let us pray

In the beginning,

God was.

Here and now,

God is.

In the future,

God will be.

Creator of earth, sea, and sky.....

Anthem In Pace, In Idipsum Christopher Tye

Translation: In peace, itself, I shall slumber and rest. If I offer slumber to my eyes and my eyelids drowsiness, I shall sleep and rest. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Cantor: We will lay us down in peace and take our rest;

Choir: For it is Thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety.

Cantor: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Cantor: Let us bless the Lord.

Choir: Thanks be to God.

The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and preserve us.

Amen.

Thank you for joining us in worship this evening. Please join us for our Advent Compline service on Sunday, December 5 at 7:30 PM.

Compline (Night Prayer, Prayers at the End of the Day) is the final church service or Office of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours. The English word Compline is derived from the Latin completorium, as Compline is the completion of the working day. Compline tends to be a contemplative Office that emphasizes spiritual peace.