



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
Burwood

# SUNG COMPLINE

Thursday 2 April 2026

9:00PM – DURING THE WATCH OF THE PASSION

The public prayer of God's people has always been considered among the first duties of the Church. Over the centuries, the traditional elements of Christian prayer were carefully arranged to sanctify the whole day in prayer in the Divine Office.

The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word *completorium* meaning 'completion'. It is, above all, a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day.

While standing is common practice in other liturgical services, it is customary to sit for most of a Compline service.

At the conclusion of the service, the Watch of the Passion continues until 10:30pm.

## Greeting

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

*A period of silence may be kept for reflection.*

Lord Jesus, you came to call sinners to repentance,  
**have mercy on us.**

Lord Jesus, sent to heal those who are burdened in soul,  
**have mercy on us.**

Lord Jesus, now seated at the Father's right hand  
to intercede for us.  
**have mercy on us.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

**Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever.  
Praise the Lord!**

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

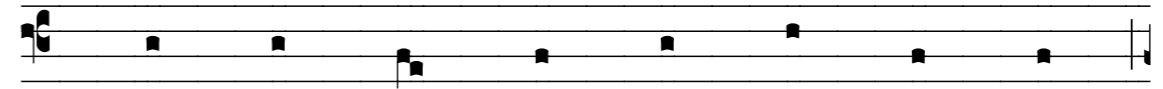
**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you, and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please join in singing the Office Hymn.*

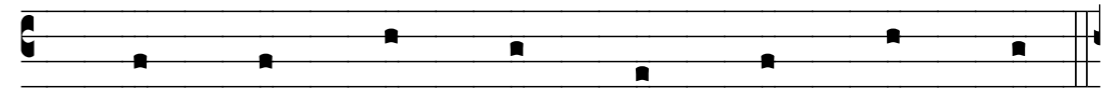
## Hymn

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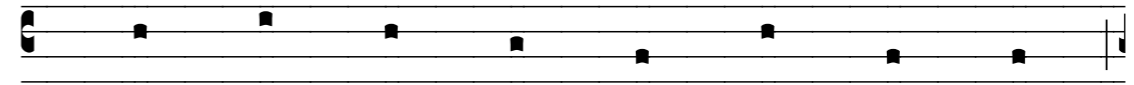
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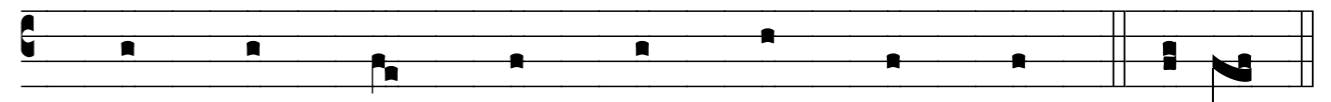
1 O Christ, who art the Light and Day,  
2 All - ho - ly Lord, we pray to thee  
3 And while the eyes soft slum - ber take,  
4 O strong de - fen - der, be thou nigh  
5 Re - mem - ber us, dear Lord, we pray  
6 Blest Three in One and One in Three,



1 Thou dri - vest dark - some night a - way!  
2 Keep us to - night from dan - ger free;  
3 Still be the heart to thee a - wake;  
4 To bid the powers of dark - ness fly;  
5 While in this mor - tal flesh we stay:  
6 Al - migh - ty God, we pray to thee



1 We know thee as the Light of light,  
2 Grant us, dear Lord, in thee to rest,  
3 Be thy right hand up - held a - bove  
4 Keep us from sin, and guide for good  
5 'Tis thou who dost the soul de - fend—  
6 That thou wouldst now vouch - safe to bless



1 Il - lu - mi - na - ting mor - tal - sight.  
2 So be our sleep in qui - et blest.  
3 Thy ser - vants rest - ing in thy love.  
4 Thy ser - vants pur - chased by thy blood.  
5 Be pre - sent with us to the end.  
6 Our fast with fruits of right - eous - ness. A - men.

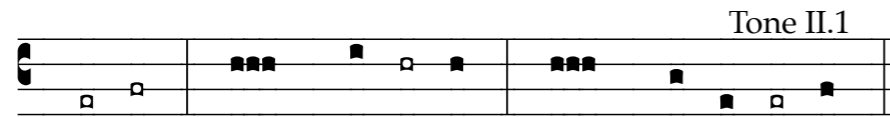
Latin c.6<sup>th</sup> century; Tr. William Copeland (1804-85) and others

The psalms are sung antiphonally between the schola and congregation.

The underlined words are all sung on the same note, the *italic* indicates where you change notes after which it is one syllable per note until the end of the line.

## Psalm: 4

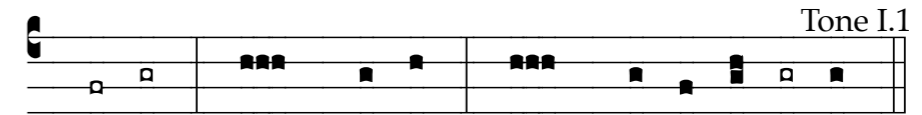
Please sing the verses in bold print, observing a short pause at the colon.



- 1 ANSWER mé when I call, O God of my *right*-eousness:  
when I was hard pressed you set me free; †  
bé gracious to me now *and* hear my prayer.
- All 2 **Children of earth, how long will you turn my glory to my shame:**  
**how long will you love what is worthless and seek after lies?**
- 3 Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful *kind*-ness:  
when I call to the Lord he *will* hear me.
- All 4 **Tremble, and do no sin:**  
**commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.**
- 5 Offer the sacrifices that are *right*:  
and put your trust in the Lord.
- All 6 **There are many who say 'Who will show us any good?:**  
**the light of your countenance, O Lord, has gone from us.'**
- 7 Yet you have given my heart more *glad*-ness:  
than they have when their corn, wine *and* oil increase.
- All 8 **In peace I will lie down and sleep:**  
**for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**  
Glory be to the Father and to the *Son*:  
and to the *Ho-ly* Spirit.
- All **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.**  
**world without end. Amen.**

## Psalm: 16

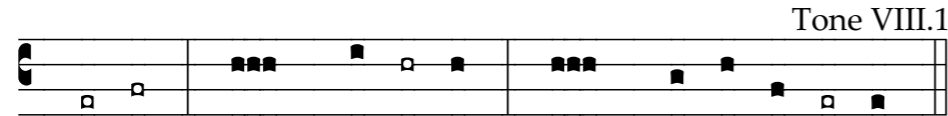
Please sing the verses in bold print, observing a short pause at the colon.



- 1 PRESERVE me, O God:  
for in you have I *ta*-ken refuge.
- All 2 **I have said to the Lord, You are my lord:**  
**and all my good depends on you.**
- 3 As for those who are held holy on *the* earth:  
the other gods in whom *peo*-ple delight,
- All 4 **Though the idols are many that they run after:**  
**their offerings of blood I will not offer,**  
**nor take their name upon my lips.**
- 5 The Lord is my appointed portion and *my* cup:  
you hold my *lot* in your hands.
- All 6 **The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places:**  
**and a fair land is my possession.**
- 7 I will bless the Lord who has given me *coun*-sel:  
at night also he has *in*-struc-ted my heart.
- All 8 **I have set the Lord always before me:**  
**he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.**
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices:  
my flesh also shall rest secure.
- All 10 **For you will not give me over to the power of death:**  
**nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.**
- 11 You will show me the path of life:  
in your presence is the fullness of joy,  
and from your right hand flow *de*-lights for evermore.
- Glory be to the Father and to *the* Son:  
and to the *Ho*-ly Spirit.
- All **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.**  
**world without end. Amen.**

## Psalm: 91

*Please sing the verses in bold print, observing a short pause at the colon.*



- 1 Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High:  
whò abide under the shadow of thè Ál-mìgh-tỳ,
- 2 **Théy will say to the Lord 'You are my refuge and my strong-hòld:**  
**my Gòd ín whòm Ì trust.'**
- 3 Fór he will deliver you from the snare of the hún-tèr:  
and from the de-ströy-ing cùrse.
- 4 **He will cover you with his wings,**  
**and you will be safe under his féa-thèrs:**  
**his faithfulness will be your shìeld ánd dè-fènce.**
- 5 Yóu shall not be afraid of any terror by níght:  
òr of the arrow that fliës bỳ dày,
- 6 **Óf the pestilence that walks about in dárk-nèss:**  
**or the plague that de-stròys át nòon-dày.**
- 7 Á thousand may fall beside you, and ten thousand at your right hánd:  
bùt yòu ít shàll nòt touch;
- 8 **Yóur own eyes shall sée:**  
**ànd look on the reward of thè ún-gòd-lỳ.**
- 9 Thé Lord himself is your ré-fùge:  
you have made the Most Hìgh yóur stròng-hòld.
- 10 **Thérefore no harm will be-fáll yòu:**  
**nor will any scourge còme néar yòur tèt.**
- 11 Fór he will command his án-gèls:  
to keep yòu ín àll yòur ways.
- 12 **Théy will bear you up in their hánds:**  
**lèst you dash your fòot á-gàinst à stone.**
- 13 Yóu will tread on the lion and the ád-dèr:  
the young lion and the serpent you will tràm-plé ùn-dèr foot.
- 14 **'You have set your love upon me,' says the Lord,**  
**'and therefore I will de-lí-vèr you:**  
**I will lift you out of danger, because yòu háve knòwn mỳ name.**

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- 15 'Whén you call upon me I will án-swèr you:  
I will be with you in trouble, †  
Í will rescue you and bring yòu tó hò-nòur.

- 16 **'With long life I will satisfy yóu:**  
**ànd fill you with mỳ sál-và-tìon.'**  
Glóry be to the Father and to the Són:  
ànd to the Hò-lý Spì-rìt.

All **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shàll bè.**  
**world with-òut énd. A-mèn.**

### Reading: Revelation 22.4–5

They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Thanks be to God.

### Responsary

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

**Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.**

You have redeemed us, Lord, God of truth.

**I commend my spirit.**

Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.**

*The Canticle is sung by the schola.*

### Canticle: Nunc dimittis (Song of Simeon)

✠ 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.

*All KNEEL for the prayers.*

### Prayers

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

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**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

*Intercessions and Thanksgivings are led by the Officiant.*

*The service concludes with the following prayers.*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,  
who at this evening hour rested in the sepulchre,  
and sanctified the grave to be a bed of hope to your people:  
make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins,  
which were the cause of your passion,  
that when our bodies lie in the dust  
we may live with you, through the saving merits of your cross;  
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

We give you thanks, O God,  
for the gift to the world of our Redeemer;  
as we sing of your glory at the close of this day,  
so may we know his presence in our hearts;  
who is our Saviour and our God,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

Let us praise the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit;

**God is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

✠ May the almighty and merciful God bless us and keep us.

**Amen.**

*The people are encouraged to remain in silent meditation in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.*

