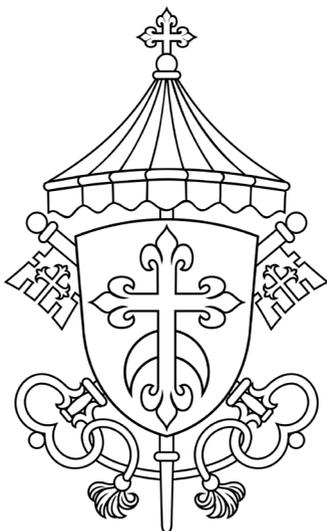


# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



## Compline at the Altar of Repose

The Office of Night Prayer

MAUNDY THURSDAY

28 March 2024  
9.00pm

## THE OFFICE OF COMPLINE

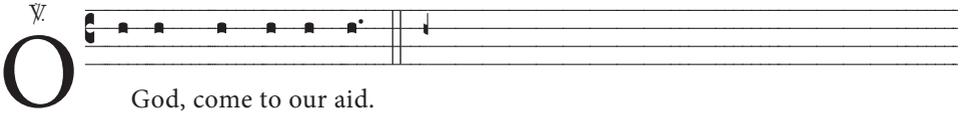
Compline, also called Night Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray continually". Through hymns, psalms, canticles, readings, and prayers, the people of God sanctify the day and night by continual praise of God and intercession for the needs of the world.

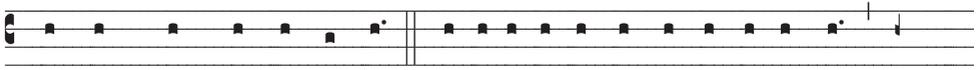
The Liturgy of the Hours includes several specified times of prayer. The most important times are Morning Prayer: Lauds (which takes place upon rising) and Evening Prayer: Vespers (which takes place as dusk begins to fall). The English word 'Compline' is derived from the Latin 'completorium', as Compline is the completion of the working day, and thus the last prayer of the day, said before retiring. The Psalms that are chosen for Compline are full of confidence in the Lord.

Bishops, priests, deacons, and many men and women in consecrated life pray the Liturgy of the Hours each day. Their work is organised around this prayer, keeping God always at the centre of their days. Lay people are encouraged to pray the Liturgy of the Hours as well, especially Morning and Evening Prayer. The public singing of Lauds and Vespers is a regular part of the life and worship of St Mary's Cathedral.

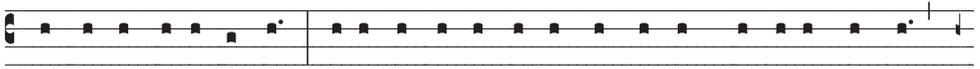
**TO MAINTAIN A SPIRIT OF REVERENCE AND SOLEMNITY,  
PLEASE TURN OFF AND REFRAIN FROM USING ALL MOBILE TELEPHONES  
AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**

## THE INTRODUCTION

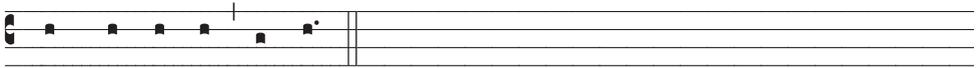
 **O** God, come to our aid.



**℟:** O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son



and to the Holy Spi-rit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,



world without end. A-men.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

*The Celebrant invites all to make an examination of conscience, saying*

Brethren (brothers and sisters),  
having been brought to the end of this day,  
let us acknowledge our sins.

*After a brief silence, the celebrant leads the Penitential Act*

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**℟:** For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**℟:** And grant us your salvation.

*The Celebrant gives the absolution, saying*

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**℟:** Amen.

# THE OFFICE HYMN

*All sing the Office Hymn*

Hymn

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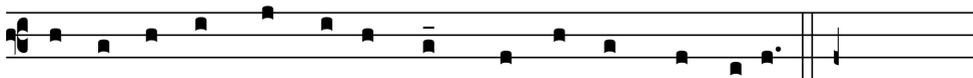
efore the light of evening fades, we pray O Lord of all;



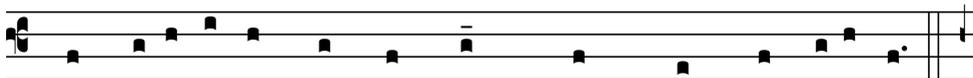
That by your love we may be saved, from every grievous fall.



2. Repel the terrors of the night, and Satan's power of guile.



Impose a calm and restful sleep, that nothing may defile.



3. Most Holy Father grant our prayer, through Christ your only Son;



that in your Spirit we may live, and praise you, ever One. A- men.

ANTIPHON

**D**OMINE Deus, salutis meæ, in die clamavi et nocte  
coram te.

*O Lord God of my salvation, I cry before you by day and by  
night.*

PSALM 90 (91)

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High \*  
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
- 2 says to the Lord: My refuge, \*  
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!
- 3 It is he who will free you from the snare \*  
of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;
- 4 he will conceal you with his pinions \*  
and under his wings you will find refuge.
- 5 You will not fear the terror of the night \*  
nor the arrow that flies by day,
- 6 nor the plague that prowls in the darkness \*  
nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.
- 7 A thousand may fall at your side, \*  
ten thousand fall at your right,
- 8 you, it will never approach; \*  
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.
- 9 Your eyes have only to look \*  
to see how the wicked are repaid,
- 10 you who have said: Lord, my refuge! \*  
and have made the Most High your dwelling.

- 13 They shall bear you upon their hands \*  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- 14 On the lion and the viper you will tread \*  
and trample the young lion and the dragon.
- 15 Since he clings to me in love, I will free him; \*  
protect you for he knows my name.
- 16 When he calls I shall answer: I am with you, \*  
I will save him in distress and give him glory.
- 17 With length of days I will content him; \*  
I shall let you see my saving power.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Apocalypse 22:4-5

**T**HEY will see the Lord face to face, and his name will be  
written on their foreheads. It will never be night again and  
they will not need lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God  
will be shining on them. They will reign for ever and ever.

*The Choir sings*

### THE RESPONSORY

Christus factus est pro nobis obœdiens usque ad mortem.

*Christ humbled himself for us and, in obedience, accepted death.*

*Felice Anerio (1560–1614)*

## ANTIPHON

**S**ALVA nos, Domine, vigilantes, custodi nos dormientes, ut  
vigilemus cum Christo et requiescamus in pace.

*Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep;  
that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace.*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

Tertii toni

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)*

Nunc dimittis      *At last, all-powerful Master,*  
servum tuum, Domine,      *you give leave to your servant*  
secundum verbum tuum in pace,      *to go in peace, according to your promise.*

quia viderunt oculi mei      *For my eyes have seen*  
salutare tuum,      *your salvation*

quod parasti      *which you have prepared*  
ante faciem omnium populorum,      *for all nations,*

lumen ad revelationem gentium      *the light to enlighten the Gentiles*  
et gloriam plebis tuæ Israel.      *and give glory to Israel, your people.*

Gloria Patri et Filio,      *Glory be to the Father and to the Son*  
et Spiritui Sancto.      *and to the Holy Spirit,*

Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper      *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*  
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.      *world without end. Amen.*

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## COLLECT

Let us pray.

**V**ISIT this house, we pray you, Lord:  
drive far away from it all the snares of the enemy.  
May your holy angels stay here and guard us in peace,  
and let your blessing be always upon us.  
Through Christ our Lord.

℟: **Amen.**

The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

℟: **Amen.**

*All sing*

### THE ANTIPHON TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**A** -ve, Re-gí-na cæ-ló-rum, \* **ave, Dómi-na ange-lórum, salve, ra-dix,**  
*Hail, Queen of Heaven, beyond compare, to whom the angels homage pay; Hail, Root of*

**salve, porta, ex qua mundo lux est orta. Gaude, Virgo glo-ri- ó-sa, su-per**  
*Jesse, Gate of Light, that opened for the world's new Day. Rejoice, O Virgin unsurpassed, in whom*

**omnes spe-ci- ó-sa; va-le, o valde de-có-ra, et pro no-bis Christum exó- ra.**  
*our ransom was begun, for all your loving children pray to Christ, our Saviour, and your Son.*