

# The OFFICE of COMPLINE

**Welcome to Compline with the Emmaus Community/Abbey Church.**

The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning ‘completion’ (completorium). It is a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. The language for this worship is derived from the Book of Common Prayer (1662).

**We continue to follow provincial health guidelines. Masks are required for indoor worship.  
Please self-space according to your and others’ comfort.**

We invite you to chant alongside us. The italicized words indicate when to join in:

*Cantor* Chanted alone by the individual leading the service.

*Cantoris* Chanted by those seated on the same side as the cantor.

*Decanis* Chanted by those seated on the opposite side of the cantor.

*Full* Chanted by all.

You may also join us in reciting spoken parts in **bold**.

At times you may notice people around you bowing, kneeling, standing, and crossing themselves. These physical gestures are meant to engage our bodies in the act of prayer. You are invited join in (see italicized directions) but please feel welcome to simply pray in stillness if that is your preference.

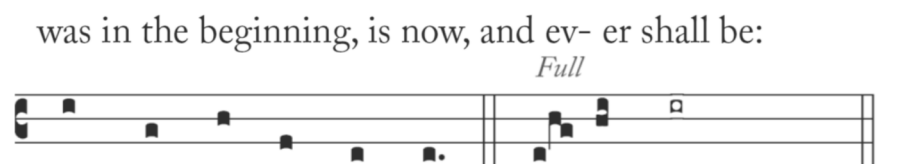
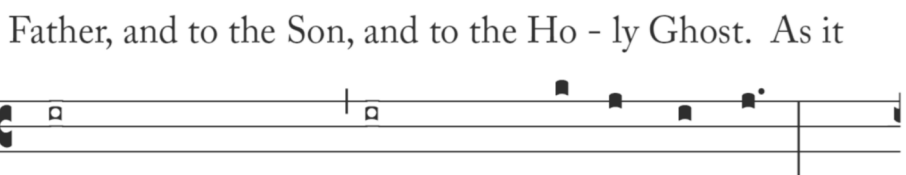
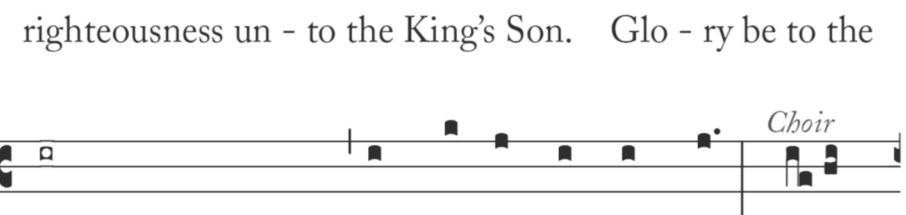
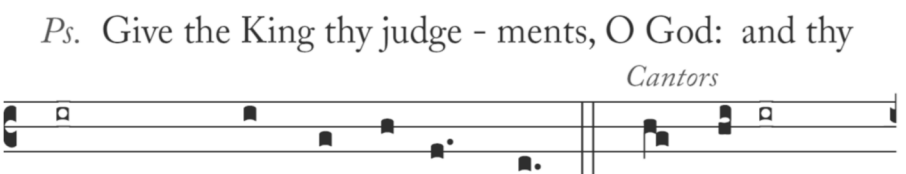
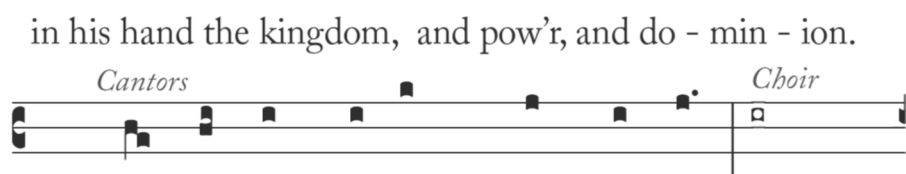
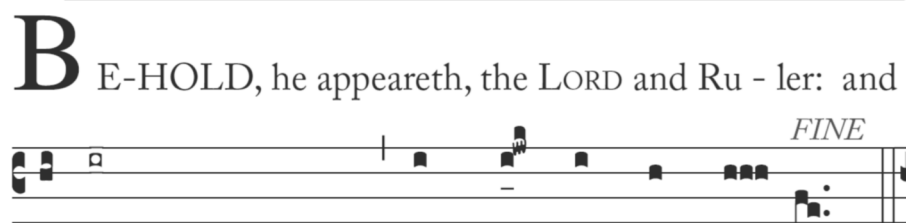
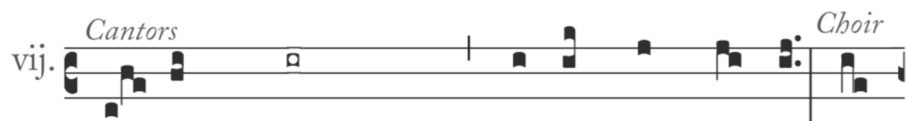
We acknowledge with humility that we worship on the unceded lands  
of the Songhees and Esquimalt people.

# AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE *for the* SEASON OF EPIPHANY


BASED ON THAT IN THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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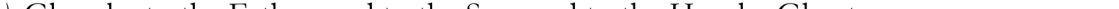
INTROIT: *Ecce advenit*



world with- out end. A - men. Be - hold, he..., (*etc.*)


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

  
*Cantor* O God, make speed to save us; *Full* O Lord, make haste to help us.



*Cantor (bow)* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

*Full* As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be; world without end. A - men.

  
*Cantor* Praise ye the Lord; *Full* The Lord's Name be prais - ed.

## Psalm 133

*Cantor* 1 *Oh, hōw* good and pleas/ant it is, \*

*Cantoris* when brethren live togeth/er in ūnity!

*Decani* 2 *It is* like fine oil / upōn the head \*

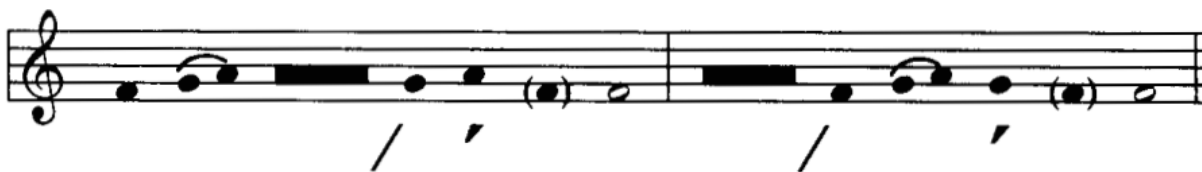
that runs / down ūpōn the beard,

*Can.* 3 Upon the beard / of A'aron, \*

and runs down upon the col/lar of hīs robe.

*Dec.* 4 It is like the dew / of Hérmon \*

that falls upon the / hills of Z'ion.



*Can.*        **5 For there the LORD has ordained / the bléssing: \***  
*Dec.*        **—/life för évermore. [Ant.]**

*Cantoris*        (*bow*) Glory be to the Father and to the Son: /  
                          and to the Ho<sup>^</sup>ly Ghost~.

*Decani*        As it was in the beginning is now and e-ver shall be: /  
                          World with-out end. A-men~.

# LESSON

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

*Isaiah 60. 1-3*

*Or*

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

*Jeremiah 14. 9.*

*Or*

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.

*St Matthew 11. 28-30.*

*Or*

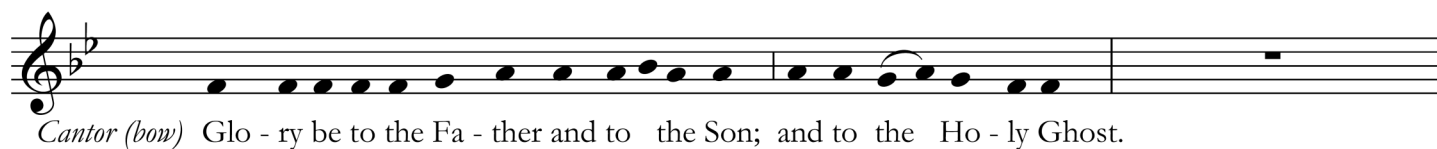
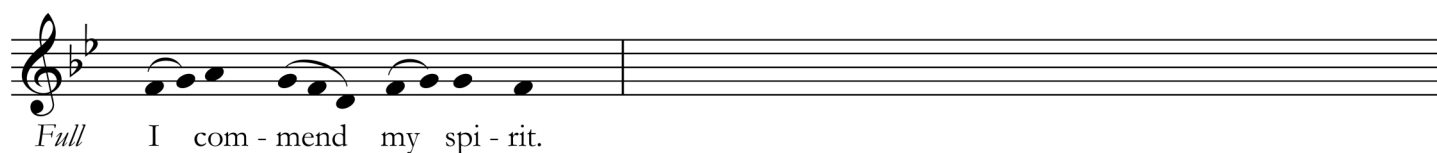
Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*Hebrews 13. 20, 21.*

*Response*    **Thanks be to God.**

*A short period of silence is kept.*

## RESPONSES



## HYMN: *Te lucis ante terminum*

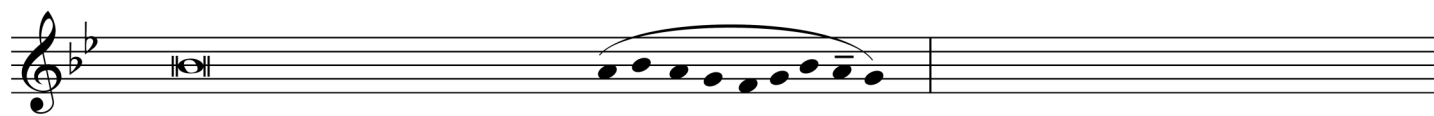


*Decani* 2. From all ill dreams defend our eyes,  
From nightly fears~ and~ fantasies;  
Tread under foot~ our ghostly foe~,  
That no pollution we may know.

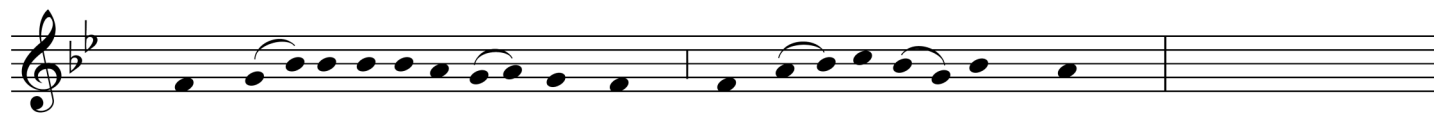
*Full* 3. O Father, that we ask be done,  
Through Jesus Christ~, thine~ only Son;  
Who with the Ho~ly Ghost and thee~  
Doth live and reign eternally. A~men~.



*Cantor* Keep us as the apple of an eye;



*Full* Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.

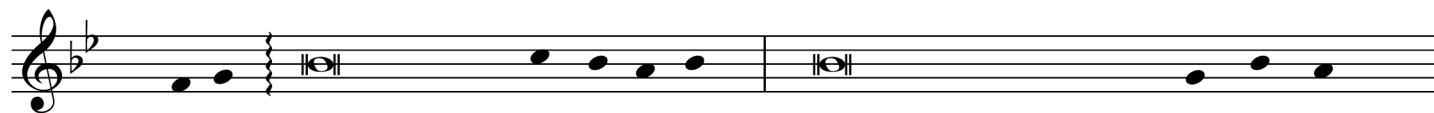


Pre - serve us O Lord while wa - king, and guard us while sleep - ing;



That a - wake we may watch with Christ, and a - sleep we may rest in peace.

# ANTIPHON & NUNC DIMITTUS



*Cantor* LORD NOW LET-test thou thy servant de-part in peace; \*

*Decani* According to thy word.

*Cantor* FOR MINE EYES have seen thy sal-va^tion; \*

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peo-ple.

*Decani* TO BE A light to light-en the Gen-tiles:\*

And to be the glory of thy peo-ple Is-ra^el

*Cantor* (*bow*) GLORY BE to the Father and to the Son: \*

And to the Ho-ly^Ghost.

*Decani* AS IT WAS in the beginning, is now, and e-ver shall be: \*

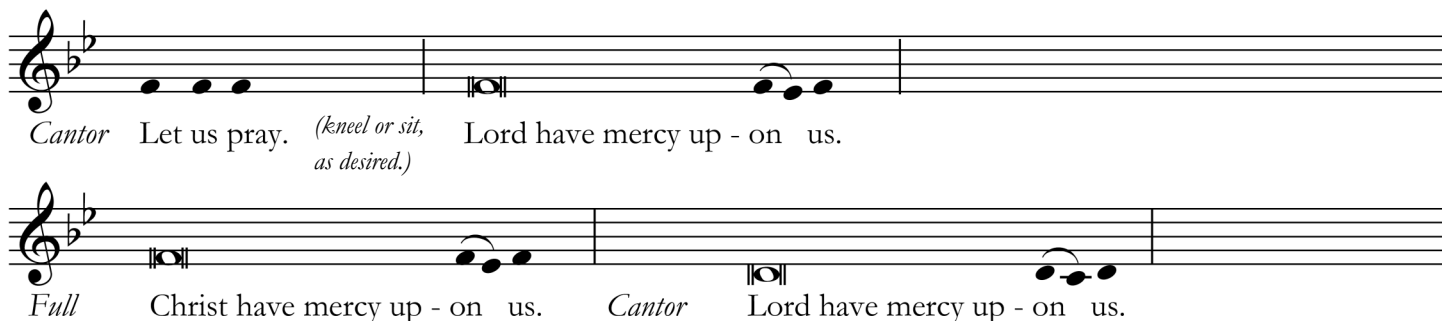
World without end. A-men.

*Full* Preserve us... (*as above*)

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;**  
**the holy Catholic Church;**  
**The Communion of Saints;**  
**The Forgiveness of Sins;**  
**the +Resurrection of the bo-dŷ**  
**And the Life everlasting. Á-men.**

## RESPONSES & LORD'S PRAYER



*Cantor* Let us pray. (*kneel or sit, as desired.*) Lord have mercy up - on us.

*Full* Christ have mercy up - on us. *Cantor* Lord have mercy up - on us.

*All*

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 into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

*Officiant* Blessed art thou, Lord God of our forebears;

*People* **To be praised and glorified above all forever.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

*People* **Let us praise and magnify God for ever.**

*Officiant* Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;

*People* **To be praised and glorified above all for ever.**

*Officiant* The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and bless us.

*People* **Amen.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*All*

**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.**



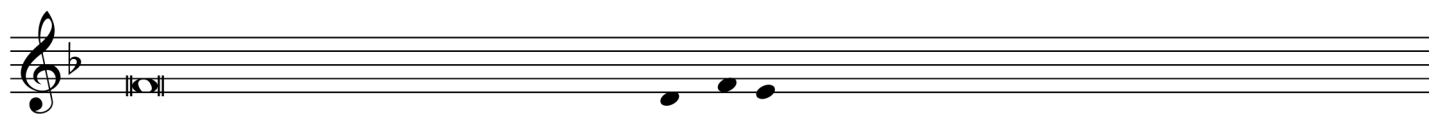
*Cantor* Wilt thou not turn again and quick - en us; *Full* That thy people may re - joice in thee?



*Cantor* O Lord show thy mer - cy u - pon us; *Full* And grant us thy sal - va - tion.



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



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



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

#### COLLECTS



*Response:* A - men.

*Collect(s) for the Day, followed by:*

*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

“Night Prayer” – from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*

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:*

Look down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

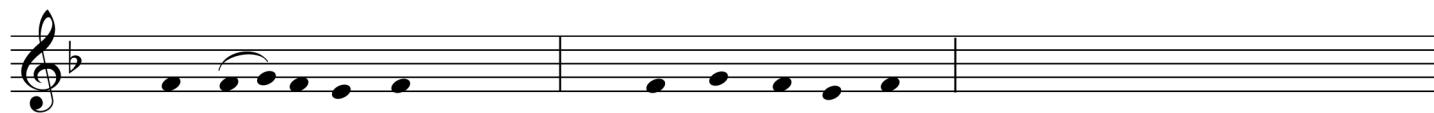
FINAL RESPONSES *Sit, if desired.*



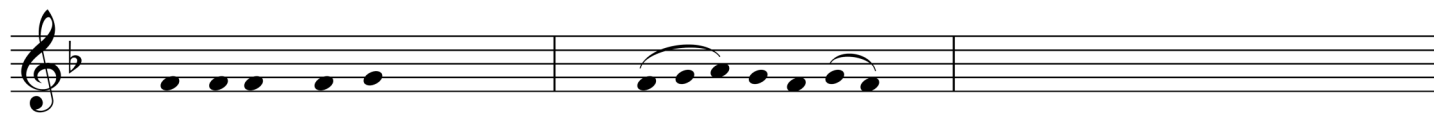
*Cantor* We will lay us down in peace and take our rest;



*Full* For it is thou Lord only that makest us dwell in safe - ty.



*Cantor* The Lord be with you; *Full* And with thy spi - rit.



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

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

*People* **Amen.**

*Bell*  $\times$  3.

*The Votive Antiphon on the following page may be sung following the office.*

5. **A** Alma \* Redemptó-ris Máter, quæ pérvia cóeli  
 pórtā mānes, Et stélla má-ris, succúrre cadénti súrge-  
 re qui cúrat pópu-lo : Tu quæ genu-ísti, natúra mi-rán-  
 te, tú-um sánctum Geni-tó-rem : Vírgo pri-us ac posté-  
 ri-us, Gabri-élis ab óre súmens íllud Ave, peccató-  
 rum mi-se-ré-re.

Loving mother of the Redeemer,  
 gate of heaven, star of the sea,  
 assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again,  
 To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator,  
 yet remained a virgin after as before,  
 You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,  
 have pity on us poor sinners.

\* \* \*

Thank you for joining us. Please feel free to stay in the space as long as you would like after the service. We hope to see you again on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 8:30 pm.

Please drop your extinguished candle in the "USED" box so it can be sanitized and re-used. The box is located near the exit at the back of the church, opposite the entrance.

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