
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
in the City of Charleston
Compline

Grace Church Compline Choir

Sunday, March 30, 2008 at 9:00 pm

Introit (*Choir*)

I sat down under his shadow Edward Bairstow

Bidding Prayer

Officiant: O God of unspeakable love, help us to hear the call to Holy listening. Calm our hearts, still our minds and comfort our souls so that we might dwell on thee and thee alone. Be with us in the music; be with us in the silence; be with us while we sing and pray; be with us now and in the life to come. **AMEN.**

O Christ, you are both light and day (*choir*)

(Christe, qui Lux es et dies)

Officiant: The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.

All: Amen.

Officiant: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

All: The maker of heaven and earth.

Officiant: (*A reading from Scripture*)

All: Thanks be to God.

Kyrie (*Choir*)

Antonio Lotti

Confession of Sin and Absolution (*knelling*)

Officiant: Let us confess our sins to God.

All: 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.

Officiant: Almighty God, have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins and deliver you from all evil, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to life everlasting. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invitatory (*Choir*)

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.
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.
Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 91 (*Choir*)

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Lesson

Colossians 3:1-3

Reader: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

All: Thanks be to God.

To you before the close of day (*Choir*)

(Te lucis ante terminum)

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant: I believe in God,

All: the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(Sung by all)*

Officiant: Our Father,
All: 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, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collects *(sung)*

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.**

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.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Anthem *(Choir)*
In thee, O Lord

Jane Marshall

Respond *(Choir)*

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

Nunc dimittis *(Choir)*

George Dyson

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.

Closing

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord;
Choir: Thanks be to God.

When rooks fly homeward

Arthur Baynon

The Blessing

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Ghost, bless and keep us.

All: **AMEN.**

YOU MAY REMAIN AND MEDITATE OR PRAY,
OR LEAVE QUIETLY, AS YOU DESIRE.
WE ASK ONLY THAT YOU LEAVE IN SILENCE.



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