

St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church
Moore Street, Adelaide

THE ORDER OF
COMPLINE

22 October 2023

The Officiant begins

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

℞ Amen.

Brethren: Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℞ Thanks be to God.

The Officiant then says

℣ ✠ 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.

One or more of the following Psalms are sung or said.

Psalm 4 *Cum invocarem*

Antiphon: Have mercy upon me, O Lord, and hearken unto my prayer.

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness:*

thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble;

have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour,*

and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?

Know this also, that the Lord has chosen unto himself the man that is godly;*

when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not;*

commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness,*

and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say,*

Who will show us any good?

Lord, lift thou up*

the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart;*

yea, more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest;*

for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm 31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion; *
deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence, *
that thou mayest save me.

For thou art my strong rock, and my castle: *
be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me; *
for thou art my strength.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit; *
for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

Psalm 91 *Qui habitat*

Whoso dwelleth under the defense of the Most High, *
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord,

Thou art my hope, and my stronghold; *
my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, *
and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings,
and thou shalt be safe under his feathers; *

his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night, *
nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, *
nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

A thousand shall fall beside thee,
and ten-thousand at thy right hand; *

but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold, *
and see the reward of the ungodly.

For thou, Lord, art my hope; *
thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee, *
neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, *
to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands, *
that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder:*
the young lion and the dragon
shalt thou tread under thy feet.
Because he hath set his love upon me,
therefore will I deliver him;*
I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.
He shall call upon me, and I will hear him;*
yea, I am with him in trouble;
I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.
With long life will I satisfy him,*
and show him my salvation.

Psalm 134 *Ecce nunc*

Behold now, praise the Lord,*
all ye servants of the Lord;
Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord,*
even in the courts of the house of our God.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,*
and praise the Lord.
The Lord that made heaven and earth*
give thee blessing out of Zion.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

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.

Antiphon: Have mercy upon me, O Lord, and hearken unto my prayer.

The following passage of scripture, is read

Thou, Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy Name; leave us not,
O Lord, our God. **Jeremiah 14:9**

℞ Thanks be to God.

Then follows

℣ Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

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℣ 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.

The following hymn is sung.

Te lucis ante terminum

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray,
that with thy wonted favour thou
wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

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.

3 O Father, that we ask be done,
through Jesus Christ thine only Son,
who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

Latin, c. 7th cent.

✠ Keep me as the apple of an eye.

✠ Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

The Canticle

Nunc Dimittis

Antiphon: 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.

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.

Antiphon: 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.

The Creed

Then the Apostles Creed shall be said by the Officiant and the People standing.

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 body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

✠ Lord, have mercy upon us.

✠ Christ, have mercy upon us.

✠ Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant and People

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.

✠ Blessed art thou, Lord God of our Fathers.

✠ To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

✠ Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

✠ Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

∇ Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven.

℞ To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

∇ The almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing.

℞ Amen.

Then all shall say together the Confession:

I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever-Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, brethren, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, **(all strike their breast three times, saying:)** by my fault, by my most grievous fault. Therefore I beg blessed Mary ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, my brethren, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Officiant says:

Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

℞ Amen.

∇ Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, O God?

℞ That thy people may rejoice in thee.

∇ O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

℞ And grant us thy salvation.

∇ Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.

℞ O Lord, have mercy upon us.

∇ O Lord, hear our prayer.

℞ And let our cry come unto thee.

∇ Let us pray.

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place: and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace, and let thy blessing be upon us evermore. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who at this evening hour didst rest in the sepulchre, and didst thereby sanctify the grave to be a bed of hope to thy people; make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins, which were the case of thy passion, that when our bodies lie in the dust, our souls may live with thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. *Amen*

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 changes of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by the great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen*

Silence may be kept. Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

✠ We will lay us down in peace and take our rest.

✠ For it is thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety.

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ And with thy spirit.

✠ Let us bless the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

The Officiant concludes

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen*

And the Anthem of the Blessed Virgin Mary appointed to the season may be sung, and at the end is said, May the divine assistance remain with us always. Amen.