

# A Vigil of Peace for Ukraine

## An Order for Compline

From the Book of Common Prayer

(1962)

Thursday March 10, 2022

8:00 p.m.



*Painting by Wendy Donohue*

Church of St. John the Evangelist, Elora

Diocese of Niagara

St. John's church sits on the traditional unceded territories of the Attawandaron, Mississauga, and Haudenosaunee First Nations. These lands are covered by the Between the Lakes Treaty and the Haldemand land grant. These lands are also part of The Dish With One Spoon Treaty, all subsequent newcomers have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect. Today this land is home to many diverse Inuit, Metis and First Nations peoples.

The painting on the front cover is by Elora artist Wendy Donohue and it is on temporary loan for display at the St. John's Parish Centre.

The text of the quotations on the bottom of the painting:

"Ah, when shall all men's good be each man's rule,  
and Universal Peace lie like a shaft of light across the land?"

*Tennyson*

"The lamps may be different, but the Light is the same."

*Rumi*

## Notes and Introduction

Compline is the last office of the day, offered in contemplation by many communities or individuals before entering into sleep. This setting of the traditional Anglican service of Compline is based on work of Sarah E.A. MacDonald (currently Director of Music at Selwyn College, Cambridge) while she was Music Director at St. George's Round Church, Halifax, Nova Scotia. This setting was edited by Alexander Tilley in 2010, revised by Paul Halley in 2016 (Director of Music at King's College Chapel), and lastly revised in 2020 by Dr. Kate Helsen (Director of the Huron Chapel *Schola Cantorum*.) It is based on the the liturgy used at St John's Chapel, Huron University.

It is hoped that this Compline Service may become an entrance for you to enter the contemplative spirit so urgently needed in our world during this time in our world as we pray for and with the people of Ukraine.

This liturgy has an in-person congregation and is live-streamed from St. John's Church in Elora according to guidelines for ministry from the Diocese of Niagara (March 1). The liturgy is available on the St. John's Elora YouTube Channel for you to participate from home.

*Face masks and physical distancing are required by all participants.*

*Thank you.*

## Opening Sentences and Responses

Cantor: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.  
Choir: *Amen.*  
Cantor: O God, make speed to save us;  
Choir: *O Lord, make haste to help us.*  
Cantor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
Choir: *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*  
Cantor: Praise ye the Lord;  
Choir: *The Lord's Name be praised.*

## Psalm 31:1-6

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 hidden 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.  
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.

Lesson

Minister: 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*

*All: Thanks be to God.*

Respond

Cantor: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

Choir: *Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.*

Cantor: For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth;

Choir: *I commend my spirit.*

Cantor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir: *Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.*

Hymn

*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.

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

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.

Cantor: Keep us as the apple of an eye;  
Choir: *Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.*

Antiphon: Preserve us, O Lord, waking, and guard us sleeping,  
that awake we may watch with Christ,  
and asleep we may rest in peace.

### Nunc Dimittis

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, waking, and guard us sleeping,  
that awake we may watch with Christ,  
and asleep we may rest in peace.

### Apostle's Creed

Cantor: I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Choir: *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.*

### Responses and Lord's Prayer

Cantor: Let us pray.

Choir: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Cantor: Our Father

Choir: *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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.*

Minister: Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers;

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

Minister: Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

People: *Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.*

Minister: Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;

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

Minister: The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us  
and give us his blessing.

People: *Amen.*

### Confession and Absolution

Minister: We confess to God Almighty,

People: *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.*

Minister: May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen.*

### Responses

Cantor: Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;

Choir: *That thy people may rejoice in thee?*

Cantor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir: *And grant us thy salvation.*

Cantor: Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin;

Choir: *O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.*

Cantor: O Lord, hear our prayer;

Choir: *And let our cry come unto thee.*

### Collects

Cantor: 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.

Choir: *Amen.*

Cantor: 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.

Choir: *Amen.*

Cantor: Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting



our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee,  
the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir: *Amen.*

### Anthem

Svete Tikhi (O Gladsome Light)

Roman Hurko, from *Vespers*

O gladsome light  
Of the Father Immortal  
And of the celestial  
Sacred and blessed  
Jesus, our Saviour!  
Now to the sunset  
Again hast thou brought us;  
And, seeing the evening twilight,

We hymn the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, God.  
For meet it is that at all times  
thou shouldst be praised by voices undefiled,  
O Son of God, who givest life:  
All the world doth praise thee.

### Prayers

*Prayers offered for peace in Ukraine and in the world by the Minister.*

### Closing Responses

Cantor: We will lay us down in peace and take our rest;  
Choir: *For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.*  
Cantor: The Lord be with you;  
Choir: *And with thy spirit.*  
Cantor: Let us bless the Lord.  
Choir: *Thanks be to God.*

## Hymn

Christe qui lux es et dies IV - Robert White.

Christ, who art the light and day,  
You drive away the darkness of night,  
You are called the light of light,  
For you proclaim the blessed light.

We beseech you, Holy Lord,  
Protect us this night.  
Let us take our rest in you;  
Grant us a tranquil night.

Let our sleep be free from care;  
Let not the enemy snatch us away,  
Nor flesh conspire within him,  
And make us guilty in your sight.

Though our eyes be filled with sleep,  
Keep our hearts forever awake to you.  
May your right hand protect  
Your willing servants.

You who are our shield, behold;  
Restrain those that lie in wait.  
And guide your servants whom  
You have ransomed with your blood.

Remember us, O Lord,  
Who bear the burden of this mortal form;  
You who are the defender of the soul,  
Be near us, O Lord.

Glory be to God the Father,  
And to his only Son,  
With the Spirit, Comforter,  
Both now and evermore. Amen.

## Blessing

Minister: The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Ghost, bless and preserve us.

People: *Amen.*

**Please exit the church in silence.**



## Lent at St. John's Elora

*Join us for the following online events.*

### **Lent Book Club - "I Thought He was Dead: A Spiritual Memoir"**

Using Ralph Benmurgui's book we will have conversation on the theme of how we define ourselves in a world that values "what I do" over "who I am called to be". Join us on Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. for this conversation.

## Support for Ukraine Refugees

**The Primates' World Relief and Development Fund** works with Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) to provide supplies and relief for over 1.5 million people who are refugees from Ukraine. To support this work call at 416-822-9083 or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 or visit online at [PWRDF.ORG](http://PWRDF.ORG).

As the war began on February 24, tens of thousands of Ukrainians fled for safety elsewhere in Ukraine or to neighbouring countries. HIA has been working in Ukraine for more than 25 years in humanitarian and development projects. It had already shipped 28 tons of food to support those fleeing to Hungary, and their staff have been working with refugees at the Ukraine / Hungary border.

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