

The Office of the Chaplain and the School of Music Present

THE OFFICE OF COMPLINE



CHAPEL SINGERS

Nicholle Andrews, Director of Choral Studies Sunday, October 21st 2012, 7:30pm.

The Office of Compline is rooted in the daily cycle of prayer observed by the early Christian monastic communities. By the 6th century, St. Benedict had codified the rule for his followers, setting forth a formula for the recitation of psalms, hymns, prayers, and readings seven times a day. Compline was the final prayer hour before retiring for the evening.

The service incorporates plainsong and diverse choral styles and genres creating thus a unique blend of new and older musical traditions. As was customary in medieval chapels, Compline is offered by candlelight and much of the music is unaccompanied. The unifying thread throughout the Compline service is quiet meditation and reflection led and inspired by music.

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Prelude

Organ Improvisation

Frederick Swann, organ

Introit

Prayer for Peace

E. Daley (b. 1955)

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace,

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood, as to understand, to be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Dona nobis pacem.

An Order for Compline

Leader: The Lord almighty grants us a quiet night and a perfect end.

Congregation: Amen

Leader: People, 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.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Chant: O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make hast 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.

Prayer

Adoramus Te, Christe

R. Townsend (b.1957)

We adore you, O Christ and we bless you,

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Lord, you who have suffered for us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Lesson and Response

Leader: Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I

will give you rest. Take my yoke upon, 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.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Leader: As we humble ourselves, let us be like feathers on the breath

of God, guided by that which binds us, nurtures us, and brings enduring peace, Then may we respond with grace, supporting

one another in our various paths of faith.

Congregation: Wellspring of mercy, help the peoples of our world to lift up

one another. Keep us from acting in arrogance and indifference. Let us humble ourselves so that we open

our hearts to all that is truth and light.

Anthem

Ubi Caritas R. Burchard (b. 1960)

Where charity and love are, God is there. We are gathered as one by Christ's love.

Let us rejoice and be glad. Let us revere and love the living God.

And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Where charity and love are, God is there. In the same way as we gather into one body, be attentive, lest we be divided in mind

Cease wrongful quarreling and conflict.

And let Christ, our God, dwell in our midst.

Where charity and love are, God is there.

May we along with the blessed saints see Thy face in glory, O Christ, our God: The joy that is immeasurable and good, for all ages and into eternity. Amen.

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

Congregational Hymn

Merrial J. Barnby, 1868

- 1. Now the day is over, Night is drawing nigh, Shadows of the evening Steal across the sky.
- 2. Jesus, give the weary Calm and sweet repose; With Thy tend'rest blessing May our eyelids close.
- 3. Grant to little children Visions bright of thee; Guard the sailors tossing On the deep, blue sea.
- 4. Comfort every suff'rer Watching late in pain; Those who plan some evil From their sin restrain.
- 5. Through the long night watches May thine angels spread Their white wings above me, Watching round my bed.
- 6. When the morning wakens, Then may I arise Pure, and fresh, and sinless In Thy holy eyes.

Chant: 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.

Anthem

Set Me As A Seal

R. King (b. 1965)

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, upon thine arm.

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the flood drown it.

Love is strong as death.

Leader: The Lord be with you

Congregation: And with thy spirit

Leader: Let us pray

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

Prayers

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The Lord's Prayer

R. Watson (b. 1932)

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 them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Chant: Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers; to be praised and glorified above all forever. Let us bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; let us praise him and magnify him forever. Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven; to be praised and glorified above all forever. The almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing. Amen

Instrumental Interlude

Evensong

J. LaMontaine (b. 1920)

Remembrance

Leader: In the midst of life we are in death

Let us remember those who have passed into the eternal

In the rising of the sun and its going down

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter

In the opening buds and in the rebirth of spring

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer

In the rustling leaves and in the beauty of autumn

When we are wary and in need of strength When we are lost and are sick of heart When we have joys we yearn to share

Congregation: We remember them

Leader: So long as we live they too shall live

For they are now a part of us

As we remember them

Anthem

Adoramus Te

G. Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

We adore Thee, O Savior; and we do bless Thy name, Jesus,

Who by Thy holy crucifixion hast redeemed Thy people,

Who for our sins hast suffered: Lord, our God, hearken to Thy people.

Prayer of St. Francis

Leader: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is discord, union. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is sadness, joy.

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as to console:

To be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Congregation: Amen.

Blessing

There Will Be Rest

F. Ticheli (b. 1958)

There will be rest, and sure stars shining over the rooftops crowned with snow,

A reign of rest, serene forgetting the music of stillness holy and low.

I will make this world of my devising, out of a dream in my lonely mind,

I shall find the crystal of peace, above me.

Stars, I shall find peace.

Postlude

Organ Improvisation

Frederick Swann, organ

Thank you for attending our service of Compline. In May 2013, the University of Redlands chamber choirs will be traveling to New York City to perform in Carneige Hall. Any donations to afford our students this opportunity are greatly appreciated. To make a contribution please contact the School of Music at 1200 E. Colton Ave, Redlands, CA 92373 or call (909) 748-8700. You may also place your donation in one of the baskets located at the Chapel entrances.

Thank You, The University of Redlands Chapel Singers