

Compline Liturgy

9pm Thursday

Invocation:

Leader: Lord, it is night.

All: The night is for stillness. Let us be in the presence of God

Leader: It is night after a long day.

All: What has been done- has been done; what has not been done- has not been done; let it be.

Leader: The night is dark.

All: Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in You.

Leader: The night is quiet.

All: Let the quietness of Your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

Leader: The night heralds the dawn.

All: Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities.

Compline Refrain:

**I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee**

Compline Psalm: Psalm 22:14-21

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;
my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; I can count all my bones:
They stare and gloat over me; they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O Lord, do not be far away!

O my help, come quickly to my aid!

Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion!

Readings:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Mark 14:26-31

John 14:1-14

John 15

Refrain:

**I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh
I need Thee, O I need Thee! Every hour I need Thee
O bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee**

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
Forever
Amen**

The Sending:

But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord

We wait for the God of our salvation; our God will hear us.