

Worship from King's College Chapel - Compline Episode 10 Transcript

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[00:00:30] **INTROIT:** Love came down at Christmas – *Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)*
CANTORS: Sravani Challagali and William Brown

Rev David Hutchison [00:01:52] Good evening and welcome to King's College Chapel for this our service of Compline. My name is David Hutchison, and I am one of the Chaplains here. This evening I am joined by Stuart Muir who is the University's Director of Chapel and Ceremonial Music, by two members of the University Chapel Choir, Sravani Challagali and William Brown and also by Liam Dyker, our Duncan Hopkin Conducting Scholar.

Rev David Hutchison [00:02:37] Compline is the final church service of the day, coming from the Christian monastic tradition. The English word Compline is derived from the Latin *completorium*, meaning 'completion' since Compline was said or sung by clergy or those in religious orders at the end of the working day. Sometimes referred to as the 'goodnight prayer of the Church', Compline rounds off the day and prepares us for a quiet night. As the psalmist wrote: '*I lie down in peace and take my rest for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid*'.

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**
Our help is in the name of the Lord: **who made heaven and earth.**

In this stillness, we reflect on the past day.

Most merciful God. We confess to you, before the whole company of heaven and one another, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do. Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

[00:04:44] **RESPONSORIAL. CANTORS:** William Brown and Sravani Challagali

HYMN: Before the ending of the day **CANTOR:** Sravani Challagali

PSALM 91. CANTORS: William Brown and Sravani Challagali

Rev David Hutchison [00:10:29] The scripture reading this evening is taken from Paul's letter to the Colossians chapter three, reading from verses 12 to 17.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Amen, thanks be to God for this reading from his Holy Word.

[00:12:29] **RESPONSORIAL. CANTORS:** William Brown and Sravani Challagali

NUNC DIMITTIS. CANTOR: William Brown

Rev David Hutchison [00:14:54] Let us pray.

Gracious and sovereign, mighty and merciful, forgiving and faithful, Lord of love, hear us now as we pray for our world this Christmastime. Remember we pray, those who hunger for food or justice, those who lack homes or human dignity; so many are unknown to us, yet each known to you and each a child of your love.

Remember too those who are ill or sorrowing, those who are concerned for dear ones, those who have difficult choices to make. May they all know that nothing is able to separate them from your love this Christmas in Jesus Christ.

Rev David Hutchison [00:16:14] And now in peace, let us pray to the Lord that this evening may be holy, good and peaceful:

[00:16:25] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Rev David Hutchison [00:16:29] That all we have done this day and the people we have met may bring us closer to you.

[00:16:37] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Rev David Hutchison [00:16:41] That we hear and respond to your call to peace and justice:

[00:16:49] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Rev David Hutchison [00:16:52] That you will sustain the faith and hope of the weary, the lonely and the oppressed:

[00:17:02] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Rev David Hutchison [00:17:06] That you will strengthen us in your service and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom;

[00:17:16] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

[00:17:22] **COLLECT:** Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray ...

CANTOR: Sravani Challagali

THE LORD'S PRAYER. CANTOR: William Brown

HYMN: God of day and God of darkness – *Marty Haugen (b1950)*

CANTOR: William Brown

Rev David Hutchison [00:21:41] Let us pray. Lord, it is night, the night is for stillness, let us be still in your presence. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be. The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the

quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your name, we pray. **Amen.**

Rev David Hutchison [00:22:53] The Lord be with you:

[00:22:55] **and also with you.**

Rev David Hutchison [00:22:58] Let us bless the Lord:

[00:23:00] **thanks be to God.**

Rev David Hutchison [00:23:04] May the almighty and merciful Lord, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, bless and keep us.

[00:23:13] **Amen.**

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