

Worship from King's College Chapel Episode 4 Transcript

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[00:00:43] **INTROIT:** Prayer of St Francis (John Sanders) **CANTOR:** Alex Murray

Rev David Hutchison [00:02:51] Welcome to King's College Chapel for this service of Compline. I am David Hutchison, one of the Chaplains. Compline is the final church service of the day coming from the Christian monastic tradition. The 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.

[00:05:03] **RESPONSORIAL.** **CANTORS:** Alex Murray and Olivia Smith

HYMN: Before the ending of the day **CANTOR:** Olivia Smith

PSALM 91. **CANTORS:** Olivia Smith and Alex Murray

Rev David Hutchison [00:10:09] The gospel reading this evening is Matthew's gospel, chapter 11 verses 28 to 30.

Rev David Hutchison [00:10:20] Listen now for the word of God. Jesus said 'come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light'.

[00:11:17] **RESPONSORY.** **CANTORS:** Alex Murray and Olivia Smith

ANTIPHON. **CANTOR:** Olivia Smith

NUNC DIMITTIS. **CANTOR:** Olivia Smith

Rev David Hutchison [00:13:29] Let us pray. Gracious God, you are sovereign over us, yet you call us friends. Your power knows no ends, but you reside within us and so we come to you with our concerns and our prayers. We pray this night for governments across the globe seeking to get on top of the virus and so we pray for wisdom and tenacity for all those in power. Give strength and health to all hospital and care home staff and grant us all the patience we need to heed the government restrictions and guidance. Loving Lord,

for all those grieving, we pray. Cup them in your hands, warm them in your embrace and wipe away the tears of grief, love and care. And we pray for our families and friends, especially those enduring hardship or loneliness or fear.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord ...

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful:

[00:15:24] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Rev David Hutchison [00:15:27] That all we have done this day and the people we have met may bring us closer to you:

[00:15:36] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Rev David Hutchison [00:15:39] That we hear and respond to your call to peace and justice:

[00:15:46] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Rev David Hutchison [00:15:50] That you will sustain the faith and hope of the weary, the lonely and the oppressed:

[00:15:59] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Rev David Hutchison [00:16:03] That will strengthen us in your service and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom:

[00:16:11] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

[00:16:19] **EVENING COLLECT.** **CANTOR:** Alex Murray

THE LORD'S PRAYER. **CANTOR:** Olivia Smith

ANTHEM: Gaelic Blessing (John Rutter) **CANTOR:** Olivia Smith

Rev David Hutchison [00:18:57] 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 [00:20:20] The Lord be with you:

[00:20:23] **and also with you.**

Rev David Hutchison [00:20:25] Let us bless the Lord:

[00:20:28] **thanks be to God.**

Rev David Hutchison [00:20:31] May the almighty and merciful Lord, the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, bless and keep us. **Amen.**

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