

## Worship from King's College Chapel Compline Episode 8 Transcript

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[00:00:40] **INTROIT:** Creator of the stars at night - plainsong

**CANTOR:** Naomi James-Mitchell

**Rev Marylee Anderson** [00:01:56] A very warm welcome to King's College Chapel for this service of Compline. My name is Marylee and I am one of the University Chaplains. Tonight, I am joined by our Director of Chapel Music, Stuart Muir, who is also playing the organ, our Duncan Hopkin Conducting Scholar, Liam Dyker, and from the University of Aberdeen Choir, we are joined by Chris Brighty and Naomi James-Mitchell. Compline (or Night Prayer) 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

and together, we pray.

**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.**

[00:04:23] **RESPONSORIAL:** O God, make speed **CANTORS:** Christopher Brighty and Naomi James-Mitchell

**HYMN:** Before the ending of the day **CANTOR:** Naomi James-Mitchell

**PSALM 91.** **CANTORS:** Christopher Brighty and Naomi James-Mitchell

**Rev Marylee Anderson** [00:09:56] Our scripture reading comes from Matthew, Chapter 11, verses 27 to 28. 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, 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.'

[00:10:51] **RESPONSORY:** Into your hands ... **CANTORS:** Christopher Brighty and Naomi James-Mitchell

**ANTIPHON:** Preserve us ... **CANTOR:** Christopher Brighty

**NUNC DIMITTIS:** Now, Lord ... **CANTOR:** Christopher Brighty

**Rev Marylee Anderson** [00:13:27] Let's pray together. We give thanks that God is good and loves all that God has made. That the Lord is near to all and hears and responds to our prayers.

Loving God, We remember those who we love, our family and friends and thank God for them. We pray for their protection especially those we love who are particularly vulnerable. May you comfort those who are grieving the loss of loved ones and for those who feel isolated or lonely due to restrictions.

Healing God, We pray for all NHS workers that they would be kept healthy and well and for courage to replace fear as they care for those who suffer. We pray for countries in the world where there is a lack of healthcare or devastations due to conflict and natural disasters. And ask for strength, wisdom and protection for the healthcare workers in these areas.

Compassionate God, we pray for those who struggle with poverty and hunger. We despair to see the suffering that exists in our own cities and neighbourhoods. In a country where no one need go hungry we pray for those who have lost their jobs and now struggle to pay bills and feed their families.

God, we pray for our government. That you would give them wisdom not only on how to tackle coronavirus but on how we recover well, so that inequality, poverty and human rights are not abandoned or set back.

Lord, show us how you would have us show love to our local and global neighbours in this season, both in prayer and action.

**Rev Marylee Anderson** [00:15:38] In peace, let us pray to the Lord. That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful:

**we pray to you, O Lord.**

**Rev Marylee Anderson** That all we have done this day and the people we have met may bring us closer to you:

**we pray to you, O Lord.**

**Rev Marylee Anderson** That we hear and respond to your call to peace and justice:

**we pray to you, O Lord.**

**Rev Marylee Anderson** That you will sustain the faith and hope of the weary, the lonely and the oppressed:

**we pray to you, O Lord.**

**Rev Marylee Anderson** That you will strengthen us in your service and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom:

**we pray to you, O Lord.**

[00:16:38] **EVENING COLLECT:** Be present, O merciful God ...

**CANTOR:** Naomi James-Mitchell

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** Our Father ... **CANTOR:** Christopher Brighty

**HYMN:** Day is done (James Quinn) **CANTOR:** Christopher Brighty

**Rev Marylee Anderson** [00:20:22] We close in prayer. 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 Marylee Anderson** [00:21:34] The Lord be with you.

[00:21:37] **and also with you.**

**Rev Marylee Anderson** [00:21:39] Let us bless the Lord.

[00:21:42] **thanks be to God.**

**Rev Marylee Anderson** [00:21:44] May the almighty and merciful Lord, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, bless and keep us this night and always.

[00:21:56] **Amen**

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