

Worship from King's College Chapel - Compline Episode 9 Transcript

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INTROIT: The Angel Gabriel from heaven came - *Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)*

CANTOR: Liam Dyker

Rev David Hutchison [00:02:43] A very warm welcome to this Compline service here in the King's College Chapel at the University of Aberdeen. I am David Hutchison, one of the University Chaplains. I am joined by Stuart Muir at the organ, the University's Director of Chapel Music, and also by two members of the UoA Chapel Choir, Roma Dhasmana and Liam Dyker.

Compline is the final church service of the day coming from the Christian monastic tradition. Compline derives its content from the wisdom of the centuries in scripture and above all in the Psalms, most of which we sing to ancient plainsong chant. Whilst some of the language we use tonight is more traditional, this reminds us our offering of worship to God this night is part of the worship of the church that has gone on for centuries and will continue after us. For some, it is the music, for others, the prayers, for others, the times of silence and reflection that makes this a special service. You are invited to let the combination of these feed your soul in this service this evening.

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.

[00:05:42] **RESPONSORIAL. CANTORS:** Roma Dhasmana and Liam Dyker

HYMN: Before the ending of the day **CANTOR:** Liam Dyker

PSALM 91. CANTORS: Roma Dhasmana and Liam Dyker

Rev David Hutchison [00:11:13] This scripture reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 40 and reading verses 28 to 31.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

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

[00:12:33] **RESPONSORIAL. CANTORS:** Roma Dhasmana and Liam Dyker

NUNC DIMITTIS. CANTOR: Liam Dyker

Rev David Hutchison [00:15:02] Let us pray. God of love and power, we bring before you our concerns, our worries and our deepest hopes. We pray for our community, our country and the nations of the world that, following the paths of truth and justice, they may be free of bitterness and strife and by the power of your enduring love, live in peace.

We pray for all who are in trouble today, that those who are sick may find solace and companionship, those who are lonely sustained, those who are oppressed strengthened, those who mourn comforted and that all those who are close to death may know their risen Lord.

Rev David Hutchison [00:16:22] In peace, let us pray to the Lord that this evening may be holy, good and peaceful:

[00:16:33] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Rev David Hutchison [00:16:36] That all we have done this day and the people we have met may bring us closer to you:

[00:16:45] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Rev David Hutchison [00:16:48] That we hear and respond to your call to peace and justice:

[00:16:53] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Rev David Hutchison [00:16:58] That you will sustain the faith and hope of the weary, the lonely and the oppressed:

[00:17:07] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Rev David Hutchison [00:17:11] That you will strengthen us in your service and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom:

[00:17:21] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

[00:17:27] **COLLECT:** In your name, O Lord, we will lie down tonight ...
CANTOR: Roma Dhasmana

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father ... **CANTOR:** Liam Dyker

HYMN: Night has fallen - Malawian hymn: *arr Tom Colvin (1925-2000)*

CANTORS: Roma Dhasmana and Liam Dyker

Rev David Hutchison [00:20:27] 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 [00:21:43] The Lord be with you:

[00:21:45] **and also with you.**

Rev David Hutchison [00:21:49] Let us bless the Lord:

[00:21:50] **thanks be to God.**

Rev David Hutchison [00:21:53] May the almighty and merciful Lord, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, bless and keep us.

[00:22:03] **Amen.**

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