

Sunday Compline

In December of 2024, Sunday Compline crossed over its one-year mark since inception, and I'm pleased to continue to offer this weekly ministry to those looking for peaceful prayers, psalms and collects before bedtime and leading into the coming week. Here are a few comments on the approach and progress of this ministry; I invite you to join us each Sunday evening at 8:30 p.m. CT:

- **Approach:** Each week, Compline is broadcast via Facebook live, from the St. Martin's Facebook account. Typically, I post a reminder on St. Martin's site and share it with my Facebook friends to broaden the reach. I encourage you to do the same. After each live presentation, replays are immediately available on the St. Martin's Facebook page, once again also shared to my own Facebook friends.
- **Messaging:** As most of you are aware, Compline is the final service of the Daily Office of the Episcopal church, after Evening Prayers – essentially the last service you attend before bedtime. I position Compline as a quiet way to end your week, calm your mind and prepare for the coming week. I also insert prayers from the back of the Book of Common prayers and adjust the messaging, based on events occurring in the week.
- **Viewership:** Live viewership is typically limited to a handful of viewers, but views of the replay have been fairly robust, ranging from 125 to 150 viewers each week, with occasionally peaks and valleys outside that range. While a boost feature (for a cost) is available via Facebook, that has not been used, given the volume of views and the attention to cost savings.

I warmly invite you, your friends, and family to join me every Sunday at 8:30 p.m. for a brief 12- to 14-minute program. I also invite you to share the program with your Facebook friends, if you are on that social media platform.

Currently, I am the sole provider of this service each Sunday, and it would be wonderful to have a backup. Please let me know if you are interested in leading this brief worship service. Personally, this ministry has helped me grow spiritually and has increased awareness of my Christian faith among my

friends, colleagues, and family members who view the program on my Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Allen