

Cantor: Endue thy ministers with righteousness
Choir: and make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor: O Lord, save thy people
Choir: and bless thine inheritance.

Cantor: Give peace in our time, O Lord,
Choir: because there is none other that fighteth for us but only thou, O God.

Cantor: O God, make clean our hearts within us
Choir: and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord: and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sit for

THE ANTHEM

Exsultate justi in Domino: rectos decet collaudatio. Confitemini Domino in cithara. In psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi. Cantate ei canticum novum. Bene psallite ei in vociferacione quia rectum est verbum Domini et omnia opera ejus in fide.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise befits the upright. Give praise to the Lord on the harp; sing to him with the psaltery, the instrument of ten strings. Sing to him a new canticle, sing well unto him with a loud noise. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise befits the upright.
Lodovico Viadana (c. 1560 - 1627)

Kneel

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

Stand

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625 - *J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

Once the choir and clergy have left the Cathedral, please sit until the Organ Voluntary ends.



Friday 13th May 2022
Choral Evensong - 6.15pm
sung by the Lay Vicars Choral
and the Junior Lay Vicars Choral

Choral Evensong is essentially a service of reflection, of leaving ourselves open so that God may speak to us through the psalms, readings and canticles, which are the core of the service. Cathedrals which have a great choral tradition, in our case for at least 700 years, draw upon a rich inheritance of music, much of it sung by the choir alone. In the Anglican tradition this music finds its natural setting in the office of Evensong, a combination of the ancient monastic offices of Vespers and Compline. The combination of the beautiful 16th century English from the Book of Common Prayer, the musical settings, and sometimes of the Latin texts of the canticles and anthems, serves to draw the worshipper into a deeper sense of peace and reflection in the presence of God.

There are no announcements during the service. Please join in all spoken parts (in bold print) and in the singing of the Office Hymn and follow the rubrics (in red print) which direct you when to sit and stand.

All stand as the choir and clergy enter.

THE PRECES

Herbert Sumsion (1899 - 1995)

Cantor: O Lord, open thou our lips
Choir: and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor: O God, make speed to save us.
Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Cantor: Praise ye the Lord.
Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

All sing

THE OFFICE HYMN

The Lamb's high banquet we await
in snow-white robes of royal state;
and now, the Red Sea's channel past,
to Christ our Prince we sing at last.

Upon the altar of the Cross
his Body has redeemed our loss;
and tasting of his precious Blood,
our life is hid with Christ in God.

That Paschal eve God's arm was bared,
the devastating angel spared:
by strength of hand our hosts went free
from Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.

Now Christ our Passover is slain,
the Lamb of God that knows no stain;
and he, the true unleavened Bread,
is truly our oblation made.

Maker of all, to thee we pray,
fulfil in us thy joy today;
when death assails, grant, Lord, that we
may share thy Paschal victory.

To thee who, dead, again dost live,
all glory, Lord, thy people give,
all glory to the Father be
and Spirit blest, eternally. Amen.

*Latin, seventh century;
Tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66)*

Sit
Psalm 113

1. Praise the Lord, ye servants :
O praise the Name of the Lord.
2. Blessed be the Name of the Lord :
from this time forth for evermore.
3. The Lord's Name is praised :
from the rising up of the sun until the going down of the same.
4. The Lord is high above all nations :
and his glory above the heavens.
5. Who is like the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high :
and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?
6. He taketh up the simple out of the dust :
and lifteth the poor out of the mire;
7. That he may set him with the princes :
even with the princes of his people.
8. He maketh the barren woman to keep house :
and to be a joyful mother of children.

Gloria

THE FIRST LESSON - Daniel 7: 13-14

Stand

Magnificat

The Magdalen Service - Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his hand-maiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever. *Gloria.*

Sit

THE SECOND LESSON - Revelation 11: 15

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

The Magdalen Service - Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

The Song of Simeon

Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel. *Gloria.*

All say

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE LESSER LITANY

Herbert Sumson (1899 - 1995)

Cantor: The Lord be with you
Choir: and with thy Spirit. *Kneel*

Cantor: Let us pray.

Cantor: Lord, have mercy upon us
Choir: Christ, have mercy upon us.
Cantor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Choir sings the LORD'S PRAYER and the VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Cantor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us
Choir: and grant us thy salvation.

Cantor: O Lord, guide and defend our rulers
Choir: and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.