



CHORAL EVENSONG

with the Promotion of Choristers

Sunday 7th September 2025
4.00pm

Order of Service



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ORDER OF SERVICE

§ *Please stand as the procession enters. The Director of Music remains at the Pulpitum with the Dean's and Canon's Scholars and the Candidates, facing the Precentor. Please sit.*

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,
All **And to sing praises unto thy Name, O thou most highest.**

§ *The Director of Music presents the Candidates to the Precentor, saying:*

Canon Precentor, I present Abbey Drummond, Aman Nagaraja, Catherine Cushion, Elis Clegg, Jishnu Bhattecharjee, Mabel Carrington, Mali Navaratnam, Sebastian Rose, Thomas Jowett, and Toby Narahari to be admitted as Choristers in the choir of this Cathedral.

§ *The Precentor addresses the Candidates:*

Abbey, Aman, Catherine, Elis, Jishnu, Mabel, Mali, Sebastian, Thomas, Toby, do you promise to serve faithfully and well as Choristers, and to sing the praises of almighty God in this Cathedral choir?

§ *The Candidates together reply:*

We do

§ *The Canon Precentor then says the following prayer:*

Most merciful Father, we pray thee to send on these thy children thy heavenly blessing; that they may sing to thy glory, and serve thee joyfully all the days of their life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

§ *He addresses each Candidate in turn, and says:*

N, I do here in the presence of God admit you as a Chorister in choir of this Cathedral. And may Almighty God endow you also with the ornaments of his grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

§ *Each chorister replies: Amen.*

§ *The Senior Choristers clothe each Chorister with their surplice.*

§ *The Canon Precentor continues:*

Almighty God, we beseech thee to send thy blessing on all thy servants who minister before thee in the choir of this Cathedral. Give to them the spirit of faith, reverence and joy, and lift their lives to thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

§ *All then return to their places in the Choir. Please stand as the Cantor and Choir sing:*

The Preces

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 Ghost;
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.

Music: Richard Ayleward (1626-69)

The Psalm

§ *The psalmody appointed for the evening is announced. Please sit as the choir sings:*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills:
from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord:
who hath made heav'n and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold he that keepeth Israel:
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper:
the Lord upon thy right hand shall give thee shade;

So that the sun shall not strike thee by day:
neither shall the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
Yea it is even he that shall keep thee safe

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in:
from this time forth for ever more.

§ *Please stand.*

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.

The First Lesson

The First Lesson is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, beginning at the forty-third chapter, the thirteenth verse:

Thus says the Lord,
your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:
For your sake I will send to Babylon
and break down all the bars,
and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation.
I am the Lord, your Holy One,
the Creator of Israel, your King.
Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob;
but you have been weary of me, O Israel!
You have not brought me your sheep for burnt-offerings,
or honoured me with your sacrifices.
I have not burdened you with offerings,
or wearied you with frankincense.
You have not bought me sweet cane with money,
or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices.
But you have burdened me with your sins;
you have wearied me with your iniquities.

I, I am He
who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins.

Accuse me, let us go to trial;
set forth your case, so that you may be proved right.
Your first ancestor sinned,
and your interpreters transgressed against me.
Therefore I profaned the princes of the sanctuary,
I delivered Jacob to utter destruction,
and Israel to reviling.

But now hear, O Jacob my servant,
Israel whom I have chosen!
Thus says the Lord who made you,
who formed you in the womb and will help you:
Do not fear, O Jacob my servant,
Jeshurun whom I have chosen.
For I will pour water on the thirsty land,
and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour my spirit upon your descendants,
and my blessing on your offspring.
They shall spring up like a green tamarisk,
like willows by flowing streams.
This one will say, 'I am the Lord's',
another will be called by the name of Jacob,
yet another will write on the hand, 'The Lord's',
and adopt the name of Israel.

Isaiah 43.14 – 44. 5

Here ends the First Lesson.

Magnificat

§ Please stand:

Choir My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden. 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 showed 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.

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

Words: Luke 1. 46

Music: Evening Service in D
George Dyson (1883-1964)

§ Please sit.

The Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is taken from the fifth chapter of the Gospel of St John, beginning at the thirtieth verse:

'I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgement is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

'If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

John 5. 30-47

Here ends the Second Lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

§ *Please stand.*

Choir 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 peoples. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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

Words: Luke 2. 29

The Apostles' Creed

§ Please remain standing:

All 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 is seated at 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 cantor and choir sing:

Cantor The Lord be with you:
Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

§ Please sit or kneel.

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

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the King;
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

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 Collects

Cantor God, our refuge and strength, who are the author of all godliness; hear, we beseech thee, the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Choir Amen.

Cantor Almighty 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 our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and that, being defended by thee from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Choir Amen.

Cantor 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.
Choir Amen.

Choir All wisdom cometh from the Lord,
and is with Him forever.

Who can number the sand of the sea
and the drops of rain and the days of eternity?
Who can find out the height of heav'n,
and the breadth of the earth and the deep and wisdom.
Wisdom hath been created before all things
and the understanding of prudence from everlasting.
The word of God most high is the fountain of wisdom,
and her ways are everlasting commandments.

To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed?
Or who hath known her wise counsels?
There is one wise and greatly to be feared,
the Lord sitting upon his throne.
He created her, and saw her and number'd her,
and poured her out upon all his works.
She is with all flesh according to his gifts,
and he hath given her to them that love him.

The fear of the Lord is honour and glory and gladness,
and a crown of rejoicing.
The fear of the Lord maketh a merry heart
and bringeth joy and gladness and a long life.

Teach me O Lord the way of thy statutes:
and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law;
yea I shall keep it with my whole heart.
Make me go in the way of thy commandments:
for therein is my desire.
O stablish thy word in thy servant:
that I may fear thee.
Behold my delight is in they commandments.
O quicken me in thy righteousness.

Words: Ecclesiasticus 1. 1-12
Psalm 119. 33-40

Music: Philip Moore (b. 1943)

Prayers Of Intercession

§ *The Intercessions conclude with the Grace:*

All **The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

§ The Hymn is announced. Please stand to sing:



All 1. Ye holy angels bright,
Who wait at God's right hand,
Or through the realms of light
Fly at your Lord's command,
Assist our song,
For else the theme
Too high doth seem
For mortal tongue.

2. Ye blessèd souls at rest,
Who ran this earthly race,
And now, from sin released,
Behold the Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
As in his sight
With sweet delight
Ye do abound.

3. Ye saints, who toil below,
Adore your heavenly King,
And onward as ye go
Some joyful anthem sing;
Take what he gives
And praise him still,
Through good or ill,
Who ever lives!

4. My soul, bear thou thy part,
Triumph in God above:
And with a well-tuned heart
Sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
Till life shall end,
Whate'er he send,
Be filled with praise.

Words: Richard Baxter (1615-91)

Music: DARWALL'S 148TH
John Darwell (1731-89)

§ Please remain standing.

The Blessing

The peace of God which is beyond all understanding guard your hearts in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ;

✙	And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.	A bendith Duw hollalluog, y Tad, y Mab, a'r Ysbryd Glân a fo yn eich plith ac a drigo gyda chwi yn wastad.
All	Amen.	Amen.

Cantor The Lord be with you:

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us bless the Lord:

Choir Thanks be to God.

Music: Edward Woodall Naylor (1867-1934)

§ The congregation remains standing as the Procession leaves the Cathedral.

Organ Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in B major Op. 7 No. 1

Marcel Dupré (1883-1971)

§ The Organ Voluntary at the end of each service is part of the offering of our worship.
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