

CHORAL EVENSONG

on the Eighteenth Sunday of Trinity

Sunday 19th October 2025 | 4.00pm

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We are delighted to welcome you to this service at your Cathedral. The Cathedral Church of Ss. Peter & Paul, Teilo, Dyfrig, and Euddogwy, has been a site of Christian worship for over 1,500 years. If you are joining us for the first time, please introduce yourself to a member of clergy, who will be happy to tell you more about worship in this place.

The service Choral Evensong is a cherished tradition within the Anglican Church, tracing its origins to the sixteenth century during the English Reformation. The service was devised by Thomas Cranmer, who combined elements from the ancient monastic offices of Vespers and Compline to create an 'Evening Prayer' for his *Book of Common Prayer*, which has been used by the Anglican church since its first publication in 1549.

Over the centuries, Choral Evensong has become renowned for its rich musical heritage. The Cathedral Choir leads the service with the singing of psalms, canticles, and anthems, all designed to offer a contemplative and uplifting close to the day.

Today's Service is sung by the **Prebendal Singers**



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ORDER OF SERVICE

§ *Please stand for the Procession of the Choir and Clergy*

Introit

O Lord, open thou our lips

Words from the *Book of Common Prayer*

Music: Sergei Rachmaninov (1873-1943)

Preces

Music: Bernard Rose (1916-96)

Psalm

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§ *Please sit, and stand for the 'Gloria Patri' (Glory be to the Father...)*

First Lesson

Nehemiah 8. 9-18

§ *Please sit*

Magnificat

Evening Service in E

§ *Please stand*

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Second Lesson

John 16. 1-11

§ *Please sit*

Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service in E

§ *Please stand*

Music: Herbert Howells

The 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 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.**

Responses

§ *Please sit following the words 'Let us pray'*

Music: Bernard Rose

Anthem

Ave dulcissima Maria

Music: Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

Intercessions

**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.**

Hymn

§ *Please stand*

Come down, O Love divine

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

Hymn



Come down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Words: Descendi, amor santo
Bianco da Siena (d.1434)
translated Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

Music: DOWN AMPNEY
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)