

# CHORAL EVENSONG

*on the Feast of the Baptism of Christ*

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026 | 4.00pm



## CROESO | WELCOME

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.



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Printed versions of this service sheet are available. Please ask a steward for a copy.  
**Large print versions are also available.**

Toilets are located at the end of the Processional Way via the David Chapel,  
on the north side of the cathedral.



Please ensure that all electronic devices are set to silent mode.

We kindly request that you do not take photographs, or video or sound recording in the cathedral at any time during this service.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

§ Please stand for the Procession of the Choir and Clergy

Introit	As I went down to the river Words: Appalachian folk song Music: arr. Philip Lawson (b. 1957)
Preces	Music: Richard Ayleward (1626-69)
Psalms	<b>46 &amp; 47</b>
	§ Please sit, and stand for the 'Gloria Patri' (Glory be to the Father...)
First Lesson	Joshua 3. 1-8, 14-17
§ Please sit	
Magnificat	Evening Service in G
§ Please stand	Music: Francis Jackson (1917-2022)
Second Lesson	Hebrews 1. 1-12
§ Please sit	
Nunc Dimittis	Evening Service in G
§ Please stand	Music: Francis Jackson (1917-2022)
The Creed	<p>I believe in God <b>the Father Almighty,</b> <b>maker of heaven and earth:</b> <b>and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,</b> <b>who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,</b> <b>born of the Virgin Mary,</b> <b>suffered under Pontius Pilate,</b> <b>was crucified, dead, and buried.</b> <b>He descended into hell.</b> <b>The third day he rose again from the dead,</b> <b>he ascended into heaven,</b> <b>and is seated at the right hand of God</b> <b>the Father Almighty;</b> <b>from thence he shall come</b> <b>to judge the quick and the dead.</b></p>
	<p><b>I believe in the Holy Spirit;</b> <b>the Holy Catholic Church;</b> <b>the communion of saints;</b> <b>the forgiveness of sins;</b> <b>the resurrection of the body;</b> <b>and the life everlasting. Amen.</b></p>

## Responses

Music: Richard Ayleward (1626-69)

§ Please sit following the words 'Let us pray'

## Anthem

**O leave your sheep**

Words: Traditional French Carol

Music: Kenneth Leighton (1929-88)

## 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

**O thou who camest from above**

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## The Blessing

## The Dismissal

Edward Woodall Naylor (1867-1934)

## Anthem

**Alla breve BWV 589**

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## Hymn

O thou who camest from above  
The pure celestial fire to impart,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
On the mean altar of my heart!

There let it for thy glory burn  
With inextinguishable blaze,  
And trembling to its source return,  
In humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
To work, and speak, and think for thee;  
Still let me guard the holy fire,  
And still stir up thy gift in me-

Ready for all thy perfect will,  
My acts of faith and love repeat,  
Till death thy endless mercies seal,  
And make the sacrifice complete.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Music: HEREFORD  
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)