

CHORAL EVENSONG

on the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

Sunday 25th January 2026 | 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.



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



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ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Preces

Music: Harley Jones (b. 1992)

Psalm

119. 41-56

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

First Lesson

Isaiah 56. 1-18

§ *Please sit*

Magnificat

Evening Service in B minor

§ *Please stand*

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Second Lesson

Colossians 1.24 – 2.7

§ *Please sit*

Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service in B minor

§ *Please stand*

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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

Music: Harley Jones (b. 1992)

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

Anthem

Doctor egregie Paule

Words: Vespers hymn for the feast of the Conversion of Paul

Music: Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

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*

We the sing the glorious conquest

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

Edward Woodall Naylor (1867-1934)

Voluntary

Master Tallis' Testament

Herbert Howells

Hymn



1. We sing the glorious conquest
Before Damascus' gate,
When Saul, the Church's spoiler,
Came breathing threats and hate;
The ravening wolf rushed forward
Full early to the prey;
But lo! the Shepherd met him,
And bound him fast to-day!

2. O Glory most excelling
That smote across his path!
O Light that pierced and blinded
The zealot in his wrath!
O Voice that spake within him
The calm reproving word!
O Love that sought and held him
The bondman of his Lord!

3. O Wisdom, ordering all things
In order strong and sweet,
What nobler spoil was ever
Cast at the Victor's feet?
What wiser master-builder
E'er wrought at thine employ,
Than he, till now so furious
Thy building to destroy?

4. Lord, teach thy Church the lesson,
Still in her darkest hour
Of weakness and of danger
To trust thy hidden power.
Thy grace by ways mysterious
The wrath of man can bind,
And in thy boldest foeman
Thy chosen saint can find!

Words: John Ellerton (1826-93)

Music: OFFERTORIUM
Adapted from a melody by
Michael Haydn (1737-1806)