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# CHORAL EVENSONG

*marking the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the foundation of the Girl Choristers*

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
4.00pm

Order of Service



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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.

Everything you need to follow the service is contained in this booklet. Please join in with the singing of the hymns, as well as the text printed in **Bold**. The § *rubrics* in this service indicating posture are suggestions only. If you are more comfortable remaining seated throughout the service, please do so.

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

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§ Please stand as the Procession enters.

## *The Introit*

Choir Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.*

By the love of Christ we have been brought together;  
let us find in him our gladness and our pleasure;  
may we love him and revere him, God the living,  
and in love respect each other with sincere hearts.

So when we as one are gathered all together,  
let us strive to keep our minds free of division;  
may there be an end to malice, strife and quarrels,  
and let Christ our God be dwelling here among us.

May you face thus be our vision, bright in glory,  
Christ our God, with all the blessed Saints in heaven:  
sure delight is yours and faultless, joy unbounded,  
which endures through countless ages world without end.

Words: from the Liber Usualis

Music: Philip Stopford (b. 1975)

§ Please remain standing. The cantor and choir sing:

## *The Preces*

O Lord, open thou our lips;  
*And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

O God, make speed to save us;  
*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.*

Praise ye the Lord;  
*The Lord's name be praised.*

Music: Richard Ayleward (1626-69)

§ *Please sit as the choir sings the psalmody appointed for the evening:*

*Choir* I waited patiently for the Lord:  
and he inclined unto me and heard my calling.

He brought me out of the miry pit, out of the slime and clay:  
and set my feet upon a rock and ordered my goings.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth:  
even a thanksgiving unto our God.

Many shall see it and fear:  
and shall put their trust in the Lord.

Blessèd is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord:  
and turned not unto the proud,  
and to such as go about with lies.

O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done,  
and thy thoughts which are to usward:  
there is none that can be compared unto thee.

If I should declare them and speak of them:  
they would be more than I am able to express.

Sacrifice and offering thou desirest not, but mine ears hast thou opened:  
Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin hast thou not required.

Then said I 'Lo I come:  
as in the volume of the book it is written for me;

I delight to do thy will O my God:  
yea thy law is with in my heart. '

I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation:  
lo I will not refrain my lips O Lord and that thou knowest.

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart:  
my talk hath been of thy faithfulness and of thy salvation.

I have not kept back thy loving mercy and truth  
from the great congregation.

Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me O Lord:  
let thy lovingkindness and thy truth always preserve me.

For innumerable troubles are come about me:  
my sins have taken such hold upon me that I cannot see.

Yea they are more in number than the hairs of my head:  
and my heart hath utterly failed me.

O Lord let it be thy pleasure to deliver me:  
make haste O Lord to help me.

Let them be put to shame and confusion that seek after my life to destroy it:  
let them be driven backward and put to rebuke that wish me evil.

Let them be brought to their wits' end because of their shame:  
that say unto me, 'Fie up on thee fie up on thee.'

Let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee:  
and let all such as love thy salvation say always 'The Lord be praised.'

As for me, I am poor and needy:  
but the Lord careth for me.

Thou art my helper and my deliverer:  
make no long tarrying O my God.

Psalm 40

Lindsay Gray

§ *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.

§ *Please sit.*

## *The First Lesson*

The First Lesson is taken from the first chapter of the Book of Joshua, beginning at the first verse:

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, 'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

*Joshua 1. 1-9*

Here ends the first lesson.

§ 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: The King's College Service  
Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b. 1971)

§ Please sit.

## *The Second Lesson*

The Second Lesson is taken from the sixth chapter of the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians, beginning at the tenth verse;

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

*Ephesians 6. 10-20*

## *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 and face the High Altar:*

*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:*

The Lord be with you:  
*And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

§ *Please sit or kneel.*

*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.*

*O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.  
And grant us thy salvation.*

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

*Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
And make thy chosen people joyful.*

*O Lord, save thy people.  
And bless thine inheritance.*

*Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

*O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
And take not thy holy Spirit from us.*

*Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

*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.  
Amen.*

*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.*

# Anthem

*Choir* Hear my prayer, O God, incline Thine ear!  
Thyself from my petition do not hide!  
Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to Thee!  
Without Thee all is dark, I have no guide.

The enemy shouteth, The godless come fast!  
Iniquity, hatred upon me they cast!  
The wicked oppress me, Ah, where shall I fly?  
Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my cry!

My heart is sorely pained within my breast,  
My soul with deathly terror is oppressed,  
Trembling and fearfulness upon me fall,  
With horror overwhelmed, Lord, hear me call!

O for the wings of a dove!  
Far away would I rove!  
In the wilderness build me a nest,  
And remain there for ever at rest.

Words: Psalm 55. 1-7  
Paraphrased by William Bartholomew (1793-1867)

Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

§ *Please sit or kneel.*

§ *The prayers 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.**

## *Prayers Of Intercession*

# The Offertory Hymn

§ Please stand to sing the hymn, during which a collection will be taken for the ministry and mission of the Cathedral.



1. Angel voices ever singing  
round thy throne of light,  
angel-harps for ever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless thee  
and confess thee Lord of might.

2. Thou who art beyond the farthest  
mortal eye can see,  
can it be that thou regardest  
our poor hymnody?  
Yes, we know that thou art near us,  
and wilt hear us? Constantly.

3. For we know that thou rejoices  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure all combine.

4. In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer  
all unworthily  
hearts and minds and hands and voices  
in our choicest psalmody.

5. Honour, glory, might, and merit  
thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessed Trinity.  
Of the best that thou hast given  
earth and heaven render thee.

Words: Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Music: ANGEL VOICES  
Edwin G. Monk (1819-1900)

§ *Please remain standing.*

## *The Blessing*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him;

✠ And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be among you and remain with  
you always.

All **Amen.**

A bendith Duw hollalluog,  
y Tad, y Mab, a'r Ysbryd Glân a  
fo yn eich plith ac a drigo gyda  
chwi yn wastad.

**Amen.**

§ *The cantor and choir sing:*

The Lord be with you:  
*And with your spirit.*

Let us bless the Lord:  
*Thanks be to God.*

Music: Plainsong

§ *Please remain standing as the Procession leaves the Cathedral.*

## *The Closing Voluntary*

Prelude from *Symphony pour Orgue*  
Rachel Laurin (1961-2023)

§ *The Organ Voluntary at the end of each service is part of the offering of our worship. Please respect the stillness of those who wish to remain seated until it has ended.*





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