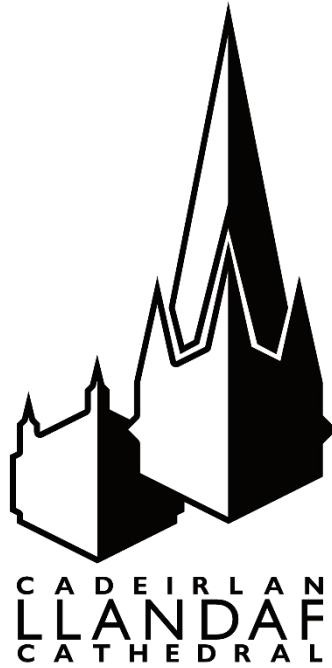




# SOLEMN EVENSONG

*with the Valediction of Choristers*

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
4.00pm

Order of Service



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At this afternoon's service, we say thank you and bid farewell to those Choristers who have completed their choirsterships and have left during or are leaving at the end of the current academic year:

Agnes Carrington (*Dean's Scholar*) • Henry Mildred (*Canon's Scholar*) • William Sarasin (*Dean's Scholar*)

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

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§ *Please stand as the Procession enters. The cantor and choir sing:*

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: Paul Spicer (b. 1952)

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

I was glad when they said unto me:  
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

Now our feet are standing:  
within thy gates O Jerusalem,

Jerusalem which is built as a city:  
whose houses stand close together within her walls.

Thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord:  
as it hath been ordained for Israel,  
to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

For there is set the throne of judgement:  
even the throne of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
may they prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls:  
and quietness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes:  
I will wish thee prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God:  
I will seek to do thee good.

Psalm 122

John Robinson (dates unknown)

§ *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 second Book of Samuel, beginning at the second chapter, the first verse;

After this David inquired of the Lord, ‘Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah?’ The Lord said to him, ‘Go up.’ David said, ‘To which shall I go up?’ He said, ‘To Hebron.’ So David went up there, along with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel. David brought up the men who were with him, every one with his household; and they settled in the towns of Hebron. Then the people of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.

When they told David, ‘It was the people of Jabesh-gilead who buried Saul’, David sent messengers to the people of Jabesh-gilead, and said to them, ‘May you be blessed by the Lord, because you showed this loyalty to Saul your lord, and buried him! Now may the Lord show steadfast love and faithfulness to you! And I too will reward you because you have done this thing. Therefore let your hands be strong, and be valiant; for Saul your lord is dead, and the house of Judah has anointed me king over them.’

But Abner son of Ner, commander of Saul’s army, had taken Ishbaal son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim. He made him king over Gilead, the Ashurites, Jezreel, Ephraim, Benjamin, and over all Israel. Ishbaal, Saul’s son, was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned for two years. But the house of Judah followed David. The time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

There was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David; David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul became weaker and weaker.

*2 Samuel 2. 1-11; 3.1*

Here ends the First Reading.

§ *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 F  
Charles Wood (1866-1926)

## *The Second Lesson*

*Reader* The second reading is taken from the Gospel of St Luke, beginning at the eighteenth chapter, the thirty-first verse;

Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.' But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.' Then he shouted, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' He said, 'Lord, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

*Luke 18. 31 – 19.10*

Here ends the Second Lesson.

## *The 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.*

*Grant us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be  
rightful; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without thee, may by thee be  
enabled to live according to thy will; 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* Blessed city, heavenly Salem  
Vision dear of peace and love  
Who of living stones art builded  
In the height of heaven above  
And by Angel hands apparelled  
As a bride doth earthward move;

Out of heaven from God descending  
New and ready to be wed  
To thy Lord, whose love espoused thee  
Fair adorned shalt thou be led;  
All thy gates and all thy bulwarks  
Of pure gold are fashioned.

Bright thy gates of pearl are shining;  
They are open evermore;  
And their well-earned rest attaining  
Thither faithful souls do soar  
Who for Christ's dear Name in this world  
Pain and tribulation bore.

Many a blow and biting sculpture  
Polished well those stones elect  
In their places now compacted  
By the heavenly Architect  
Nevermore to leave the Temple  
Which with them the Lord hath decked.

To this Temple, where we call Thee  
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
With Thy wonted loving kindness  
Hear Thy servants as they pray;  
And Thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls away.

Words: John Mason Neale (1818–66)

Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

# Valediction of Choristers

§ *The Director of Music presents those leaving the choir to the Dean and Canon Precentor, saying:*

Dean Jason, Canon Ian, I present to you Agnes Carrington, Henry Mildred, and William Sarasin, who have reached the end of their time as choristers in the Cathedral choir. We thank them for their faithfulness to duty and for their musical skills which have enhanced our worship in this place.

§ *The Canon Precentor then addresses the departing choristers:*

Agnes, Henry, William, we thank you for your hard work and commitment to the choir of this Cathedral church and hope that you will look back on your time singing here with happiness and pride.

§ *The Canon Precentor prays:*

Go before your servants, O Lord, in all their doings with your most gracious favour, and further them with your continual help; that in all their works, begun, continued, and ended in you, they may glorify your holy name and finally by your mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

§ *The Director of Music makes a small presentation to each of the choristers. The Dean then says the following prayer:*

Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, today and for ever, the beginning and the end, preserve you in your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

All **Amen.**

§ *The Choir sings:*

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light  
of his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.  
Amen.

## Prayers Of Intercession

§ 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.**

## 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. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion  
Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee:  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Music: BLAENWERN  
William Rowlands (1860-1937)  
Descant by Meirion Wynn Jones (b. 1972)

§ *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.

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: Edward Woodall Naylor (1867-1934)

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

## *The Closing Voluntary*

Prelude and Fugue in B major, Op. 7, No. 1  
Marcel Dupré (1887-1971)

§ *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.*



