

CHORAL EVENSONG

on the Eve of the Feast of The Holy Cross

Sunday 13th September 2026 | 4.00pm

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We are delighted to welcome you to this service. 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 of 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 space for prayer and reflection at the end of the day.



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ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Preces

Music: William Smith of Durham (c.1603-45)

Psalm

66. 1-11

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

First Lesson

Isaiah 52. 13 – 53. 12

§ *Please sit*

Magnificat

The King's College Service

§ *Please stand*

Music: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

Second Lesson

Ephesians 2. 11-22

§ *Please sit*

Nunc Dimittis

The King's College Service

§ *Please stand*

Music: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

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: William Smith of Durham (c.1603-45)

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

Anthem

The Lord is my shepherd

Words: Psalm 23

Music: Martin How (1931-2022)

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 Jesus, I have promised

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

Music: Edwood Woodall Naylor (1867-1934)

Voluntary

Improvisation for Saint Sulpice

David Briggs (b. 1962)

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Hymn



1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

3. O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

4. O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-74)

Music: WOLVERCOTE
William H. Ferguson (1874-1950)