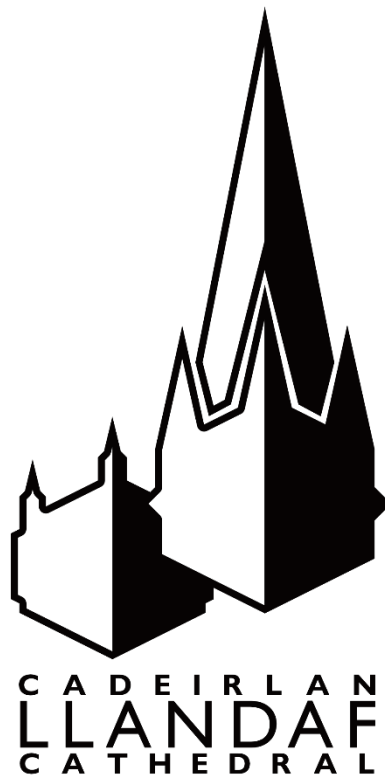




CHORAL EVENSONG

with the Promotion of Choristers

Sunday 6th September 2026
4.00pm

Order of Service



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At this evening service we promote those who have completed their time as Probationers in the Cathedral Choir to Full Choristers. The Dean will welcome them and the Senior Choristers of the Choir will present them with their Surplice, the white garment worn traditionally worn as part of Choir Dress.

Girls

Beatrix Dobson
Ebah Hamnett
Eira Jones
Seren Maunder
Charlotte Pugsley

Boys

Henry Boon
Michael Dance
Jordan Kwan

Everything you need to follow the service is contained in this booklet. Please join in with the singing of the hymn, as well as the reponses 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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**4. Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,
Till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,
And, with vision purified,
Lord of all, when all have known thee,
Thou in all art glorified.**

Music: REGENT SQUARE
Henry Smart (1813-79)

§ *Please sit.*

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,
All **And to sing praises unto thy Name, O thou most highest.**

§ *The Director of Music presents the Candidates to the Dean, saying:*

Canon Precentor, I present Henry Boon, Michael Dance, Beatrix Dobson, Ebah Hamnett, Eira Jones, Jordan Kwan, Seren Maunder, and Charlotte Pugsley to be admitted as Choristers in the choir of this Cathedral.

§ *The Dean addresses the Candidates:*

Henry, Michael, Beatrix, Ebah, Eira, Jordan, Seren, Charlotte do you promise to serve faithfully and well as Choristers, and to sing the praises of almighty God in this Cathedral choir?

§ *The Candidates together reply:*

We do

§ *The Dean then says the following prayer:*

Most merciful Father, we pray thee to send on these thy children thy heavenly blessing; that they may sing to thy glory, and serve thee joyfully all the days of their life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

§ *He addresses each Candidate in turn, and says:*

N, I do here in the presence of God admit you as a Chorister in choir of this Cathedral. And may Almighty God endow you also with the ornaments of his grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

§ *Each chorister responds: Amen.*

§ *The Senior Choristers clothe each Chorister with their Surplice.*

§ *The Dean continues:*

Almighty God, we beseech thee to send thy blessing on all thy servants who minister before thee in the choir of this Cathedral. Give to them the spirit of faith, reverence and joy, and lift their lives to thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

§ *All then return to their places in the Choir. Please stand.*

The Preces

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

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

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

Music: Paul Spicer (b. 1952)

The Psalm

§ *The psalmody appointed for the evening is announced. Please sit as the choir sings:*

My heart is fixed O God, my heart is fixed:
I will sing and play up on an instrument of music.

Awake my soul, awake lute and harp:
I myself will awaken the morning.

I will give thanks unto thee O Lord among the peoples:
and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens:
and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

Set up thyself O God above the heavens
let thy glory be over all the earth.

That thy beloved may be delivered:
save us by thy right hand and answer us.

God said of old in his holy place:
I will go up and divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

'Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine:
Ephraim is my helmet, Judah is my sceptre.

But as for Moab he is my washpot; to Edom will I cast my shoe:
over Philistia will I shout in triumph.'

Who will lead me into the strong city:
who will bring me into Edom?

Hast not thou cast us off O God:
thou goest not out O God with our hosts.

O be thou our help against the adversary:
for vain is the help of man.

Through God will we do great acts:
for it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

§ *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.

Psalm 108

Chant: Alfred Hollins (1865-1942)

§ *Please sit.*

The First Lesson

The First Lesson is taken from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, beginning at the twelfth chapter, the twenty-first verse:

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, what is this proverb of yours about the land of Israel, which says, 'The days are prolonged, and every vision comes to nothing'? Tell them therefore, 'Thus says the Lord God: I will put an end to this proverb, and they shall use it no more as a proverb in Israel.' But say to them, The days are near, and the fulfilment of every vision. For there shall no longer be any false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel. But I the Lord will speak the word that I speak, and it will be fulfilled. It will no longer be delayed; but in your days, O rebellious house, I will speak the word and fulfil it, says the Lord God.

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, the house of Israel is saying, 'The vision that he sees is for many years ahead; he prophesies for distant times.' Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord God: None of my words will be delayed any longer, but the word that I speak will be fulfilled, says the Lord God.

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who are prophesying; say to those who prophesy out of their own imagination: 'Hear the word of the Lord!' Thus says the Lord God, Alas for the senseless prophets who follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! Your prophets have been like jackals among ruins, O Israel. You have not gone up into the breaches, or repaired a wall for the house of Israel, so that it might stand in battle on the day of the Lord. They have prophesied falsehood and lying divination; they say, 'Says the Lord', when the Lord has not sent them, and yet they wait for the fulfilment of their word! Have you not seen a false vision or uttered a lying divination, when you have said, 'Says the Lord', even though I did not speak?

Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you have uttered falsehood and prophesied lies, I am against you, says the Lord God. My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and utter lying divinations; they shall not be in the

council of my people, nor be enrolled in the register of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter the land of Israel; and you shall know that I am the Lord God. Because, in truth, because they have misled my people, saying, 'Peace', when there is no peace; and because, when the people build a wall, these prophets smear whitewash on it. Say to those who smear whitewash on it that it shall fall. There will be a deluge of rain, great hailstones will fall, and a stormy wind will break out. When the wall falls, will it not be said to you, 'Where is the whitewash you smeared on it?' Therefore thus says the Lord God: In my wrath I will make a stormy wind break out, and in my anger there shall be a deluge of rain, and hailstones in wrath to destroy it. I will break down the wall that you have smeared with whitewash, and bring it to the ground, so that its foundation will be laid bare; when it falls, you shall perish within it; and you shall know that I am the Lord. Thus I will spend my wrath upon the wall, and upon those who have smeared it with whitewash; and I will say to you, The wall is no more, nor those who smeared it — the prophets of Israel who prophesied concerning Jerusalem and saw visions of peace for it, when there was no peace, says the Lord God.

Ezekiel. 12.21 – 13.16

Here ends the First Lesson.

Magnificat

§ 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 D
George Dyson (1883-1964)

§ Please sit.

The Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is taken from the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the nineteenth chapter, the first verse:

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — altogether there were about twelve of them.

He entered the synagogue and for three months spoke out boldly, and argued persuasively about the kingdom of God. When some stubbornly refused to believe and spoke evil of the Way before the congregation, he left them, taking the disciples with him, and argued daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia, both Jews and Greeks, heard the word of the Lord.

God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that when the handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were brought to the sick, their diseases left them, and the evil spirits came out of them. Then some itinerant Jewish exorcists tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, 'I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.' Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. But the evil spirit said to them in reply, 'Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?' Then the man with the evil spirit leapt on them, mastered them all, and so overpowered them that they fled out of the house naked and wounded. When this became known to all residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks, everyone was awestruck; and the name of the Lord Jesus was praised. Also many of those who became believers confessed and disclosed their practices. A number of those who practised magic collected their books and burned them publicly; when the value of these books was calculated, it was found to come to fifty thousand silver coins. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

Acts 19. 1-20

Here ends the Second Lesson.

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:*

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:*

Cantor The Lord be with you:
Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

§ *Please sit or kneel.*

Choir 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.

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
Choir And grant us thy salvation.

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

Cantor Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people;
Choir And bless thine inheritance.

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

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts, within us;
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Cantor Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity;
and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that
which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Choir Amen.

Cantor 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.
Choir Amen.

Cantor 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.
Choir Amen.

Choir All wisdom cometh from the Lord,
and is with Him forever.

Who can number the sand of the sea
and the drops of rain and the days of eternity?
Who can find out the height of heav'n,
and the breadth of the earth and the deep and wisdom.
Wisdom hath been created before all things
and the understanding of prudence from everlasting.
The word of God most high is the fountain of wisdom,
and her ways are everlasting commandments.

To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed?
Or who hath known her wise counsels?
There is one wise and greatly to be feared,
the Lord sitting upon his throne.
He created her, and saw her and number'd her,
and poured her out upon all his works.
She is with all flesh according to his gifts,
and he hath given her to them that love him.

The fear of the Lord is honour and glory and gladness,
and a crown of rejoicing.
The fear of the Lord maketh a merry heart
and bringeth joy and gladness and a long life.

Teach me O Lord the way of thy statutes:
and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law;
yea I shall keep it with my whole heart.
Make me go in the way of thy commandments:
for therein is my desire.
O stablish thy word in thy servant:
that I may fear thee.
Behold my delight is in they commandments.
O quicken me in thy righteousness.

Words: Ecclesiasticus 1. 1-12
Psalm 119. 33-40

Music: Philip Moore (b. 1943)

Prayers Of Intercession

§ *The Intercessions 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.**

Hymn

§ The Hymn is announced. Please stand to sing:



- All
1. Come down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
 2. O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
 3. Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
 4. And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Words: Discendi, amor santo
Bianco da Siena (d.1434)
translated Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

Music: DOWN AMPNEY
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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

Cantor The Lord be with you:

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us bless the Lord:

Choir Thanks be to God.

Music: Edward Woodall Naylor (1867-1934)

§ The congregation remains standing as the Procession leaves the Cathedral.

Organ Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in B major Op. 7 No. 1

Marcel Dupré (1883-1971)

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