Solemn Evensong

on the feast of Christ the King

Sunday 22nd November 2026 | 4.00pm

CADEIRLAN LLANDAF CATHEDRAL

Croeso | Welcome

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.



The Cathedral is served by a hearing loop.
Users should turn their hearing aid to the setting marked ***T***.

Large print versions are also available.
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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.



Please ensure that all electronic devices are set to silent mode.

We kindly request that you do not take photographs, or video or sound recording in the cathedral at any time during this service.

Order of Service

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

Introit — Alleluia (O clap your hands)
Words: Psalm 47
Music: Debbie Wiseman (b. 1963)

Preces — Music: William Smith of Durham (1603-45)

Psalm — 93
§ *Please sit, and stand for the 'Gloria Patri' (Glory be to the Father...)*

First Lesson — 2 Samuel 23. 1-7
§ *Please sit*

Magnificat — Evening Service in F
§ *Please stand*
Music: Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

Second Lesson — Matthew 28. 16-20
§ *Please sit*

Nunc Dimittis — Evening Service in F
§ *Please stand*
Music: Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

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

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

Anthem

Rejoice in the Lamb

Words: *from 'Jubilate Agno'* by Christopher Smart (1722 - 1771)
Music: Benjamin Britten (1913-76)

Rejoice in God, O ye Tongues;
Give the glory to the Lord,
And the Lamb.
Nations, and languages,
And every Creature
In which is the breath of Life.
Let man and beast appear before him,
And magnify his name together.

Let Nimrod, the mighty hunter,
Bind a leopard to the altar
And consecrate his spear to the Lord.

Let Ishmail dedicate a tyger,
And give praise for the liberty
In which the Lord has let him at large.

Let Balaam appear with an ass,
And bless the Lord his people
And his creatures for a reward eternal.

Let Daniel come forth with a lion,
And praise God with all his might
Through faith in Christ Jesus.

Let Ithamar minister with a chamois,
And bless the name of Him
That cloatheth the naked.

Let Jakim with the satyr
Bless God in the dance,
Dance, dance, dance.

Let David bless with the bear
The beginning of victory to the Lord,
To the Lord the perfection of excellence.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah for the heart of God,
And from the hand of the artist inimitable,
And from the echo of the heavenly harp
In sweetness magnifical and mighty.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

For I will consider my cat Jeoffry.
For he is the servant of the living God.
Duly and daily serving him.
For at the first glance
Of the glory of God in the East
He worships in his way.
For this is done by wreathing his body
Seven times round with elegant quickness.
For he knows that God is his saviour.
For God has bless'd him
In the variety of his movements.
For there is nothing sweeter
Than his peace when at rest.

For I am possessed of a cat,
Surpassing in beauty,
From whom I take occasion
To bless Almighty God.

For the Mouse is a creature
Of great personal valour.
For this is a true case--
Cat takes female mouse,
Male mouse will not depart,
but stands threat'ning and daring.
If you will let her go,
I will engage you,
As prodigious a creature as you are.

For the Mouse is a creature
Of great personal valour.
For the Mouse is of
An hospitable disposition.

For the flowers are great blessings.
For the flowers are great blessings.
For the flowers have their angels,
Even the words of God's creation.
For the flower glorifies God
And the root parries the adversary.
For there is a language of flowers.
For the flowers are peculiarly
The poetry of Christ.

For I am under the same accusation
With my Savior,
For they said,
He is besides himself.
For the officers of the peace
Are at variance with me,
And the watchman smites me
With his staff.
For the silly fellow, silly fellow,
Is against me,
And belongeth neither to me
Nor to my family.
For I am in twelve hardships,
But he that was born of a virgin
Shall deliver me out of all,
Shall deliver me out of all.

For H is a spirit
And therefore he is God.
For K is king
And therefore he is God.
For L is love
And therefore he is God.
For M is musick
And therefore he is God.
And therefore he is God.

For the instruments are by their rhimes,
For the shawm rhimes are lawn fawn and the like.
For the shawm rhimes are moon boon and the like.
For the harp rhimes are sing ring and the like.
For the harp rhimes are ring string and the like.
For the cymbal rhimes are bell well and the like.

For the cymbal rhimes are toll soul and the like.
For the flute rhimes are tooth youth and the like.
For the flute rhimes are suit mute and the like.
For the bassoon rhimes are pass class and the like.
For the dulcimer rhimes are grace place and the like.
For the clarinet rhimes are clean seen and the like.
For the trumpet rhimes are sound bound and the like.
For the trumpet of God is a blessed intelligence
And so are all the instruments in Heav'n.
For God the Father Almighty plays upon the harp
Of stupendous magnitude and melody.
For at that time malignity ceases
And the devils themselves are at peace.
For this time is perceptible to man
By a remarkable stillness and serenity of soul.

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Hallelujah for the heart of God,
And from the hand of the artist inimitable,
And from the echo of the heavenly harp
In sweetness magnifical and mighty.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

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

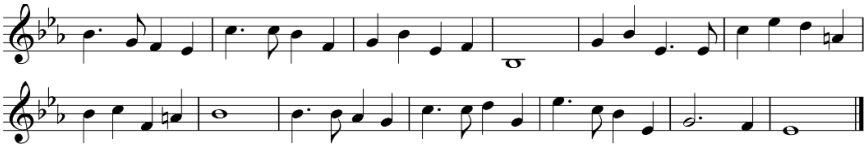
§ *Please stand*

Christ triumphant, ever reigning

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Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
Refrain

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
Refrain

Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
Refrain

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
Refrain

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Music: GUITING POWER
John Barnard (b.1948)

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Edward Woodall Naylor (1867-1934)

Organ

Paean
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)