



LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL EGLWYS GADEIRIOL LLANDAF

THE ORDER for CHORAL EVENSONG

Welcome to Llandaff Cathedral for Choral Evensong. This service follows the custom of churches with a great choral tradition, where much of the service is sung by the choir alone. The Congregation is invited to make their prayer through the beauty of the choir's music and to join in the text in **BOLD**.

Members of the Congregation are kindly requested to refrain from using private video or sound recording equipment. Please ensure mobile phones are turned off.

*Please STAND as the Procession enters. On Sundays, the choir may sing an **Introit** from the Cross Aisle.*

THE OFFICE

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 Spirit;

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.

On Sundays and on certain Holy Days a Hymn is sung. The Psalm(s) appointed are announced.

Please SIT.

At the end of the final Psalm please STAND as the choir sing the Gloria:

*Please SIT as **The First Lesson** is read from the Old Testament or the Apocrypha.*

MAGNIFICAT (Luke 1.46)

Please STAND as the choir sings:

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 shewed 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 Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

*Please SIT as the **Second Lesson** is read from the New Testament.*

Please STAND as the choir sings:

NUNC DIMITTIS (Luke 2.29)

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 people.

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 Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Please continue to STAND and face the High Altar as we say together:

THE APOSTLES' 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.

The Lord be with you:
And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Please KNEEL or SIT

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 Queen.
And mercifully bear 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.

Three Collects are offered, the First of the Day, the Second for Peace and the Third for Aid Against all Perils.

Please SIT whilst the Choir sing an Anthem.
Please KNEEL or SIT for:

THE PRAYERS

These may end with The Grace:

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.

Please STAND. On weekdays the Final Responses are sung.

On Sundays a Hymn is sung. This is followed by the Blessing and Final Responses.

The Lord be with you:
And with your spirit.
The Lord give us his peace:
And life eternal. Amen.

OR

Let us bless the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Please REMAIN STANDING as the Procession departs. Please leave quietly so as not to disturb those remaining to listen to the Organ Voluntary.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
 'Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
 Thy head upon my breast.'
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 Weary and worn and sad,
I found in him a resting-place,
 And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
 'Behold, I freely give
 The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live.'
 I came to Jesus, and I drank
 Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
 'I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
 And all thy day be bright.'
 I looked to Jesus, and I found
 In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk,
 'Till travelling days are done.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Music: KINGSFOLD
 Anonymous English
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