



CATHEDRAL
ISLE OF MAN

The Office of Choral Evensong

The Phos hilaron *The Choir sing while the lamps are lit.*

*Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured
who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
holiest of holies, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,
the lights of evening round us shine,
we hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.*

*Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
with undefiled tongue,
Son of God, giver of life, alone:
therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.*

Precentor O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Precentor O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Precentor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Precentor Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm of the day is sung by the choir— Please sit and stand for 'Glory be to...'

A Lesson of the Old Testament – Please sit

MAGNIFICAT —*Please stand as the Choir sing:*

MY soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
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 Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

A Lesson of the New Testament – Please sit

NUNC DIMITTIS – *Please stand as the Choir sing:*

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 Ghost,
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 sitteth on 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 Ghost;
The holy Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

All sit

Precentor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Precentor Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir Christ, have mercy upon us.

Precentor Lord, have mercy upon us.

Precentor OUR Father...

Choir ...who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Precentor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Precentor O Lord, save the Queen.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Precentor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Precentor O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Precentor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Precentor O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects are then sung:

The First Collect for the day

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

O 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 both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

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.**

The Choir will now sing an Anthem (a special piece of music appropriate for today or the church season)

On Feast days a Sermon may be preached at this point, or after the service.

On occasions other prayers may be offered at this point.

A Prayer for the Queen's Majesty.

Officiant O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen *ELIZABETH*; and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that she may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally after this life she may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Prayer for the Royal Family.

Officiant ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless *Philip* Duke of *Edinburgh*, *Charles* Prince of *Wales*, our Patron *The Princess Royal* and all the Royal Family. Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

Officiant ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops, and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.

Officiant ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Please stand for the Office Hymn (Announced)

Final Blessing

*The Choir and Clergy leave, and the final Organ Voluntary is played.
You are invited to listen quietly.*

Please return this service booklet at the back of the Cathedral as you leave.

REGULAR SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sundays

8.30am BCP Eucharist
10.30am Worship with Eucharist
3.30pm Choral Evensong

Weekdays

(Mondays – Saturdays)

9.00am Morning Prayer
5.30pm Evening Prayer
9.30am Eucharist on Wednesdays and Holy Days

Saturdays

4pm – 6pm First Saturday of the month Messy Church with children's meal
6.00pm The last Saturday of the month Taizé with supper

An explanation of Evensong

The Reformation in England saw Archbishop Cranmer combine and simplify the ‘offices’ (Prayers) said daily in monasteries. Evensong is the combination of Vespers (said at sunset) and Compline (said at the completion of the day). These offices were part of the monastic round of seven daily prayer times, which had been in place for 1300 years and prior to that drew inspiration from the early church and the Jewish Synagogue.

Cranmer’s Evensong had the following components:

Psalms: drawn from the whole Psalter (The Jewish Hymn book), once there were special psalms for each office.

The Canticles: The Magnificat, associated with Vespers, which is said after the Old Testament and looks forward to the coming of Christ, linking it to the New Testament Reading and the Nunc Dimittis, associated with Compline, when the aged Simon praised God for seeing salvation at the end of his life.

Scripture: Today we use ‘The pillar lectionary’ which is designed to make every portion of scripture stand on its own rather than being part of an incomplete story.

The Lord's Prayer and other prayers: Versicles and responses are taken almost word for word from the old services. The first collect (was prayer of the week), the second collect, (associated with Vespers) and the third collect (associated with Compline).

Additions: After 1549 there were various revisions of Evensong, which added other elements, including a preamble and confession, additional prayers, an anthem (in Quires and places where they sing) and the Creed, statement of Christian belief. Common Worship has more recently done much to re-instate the old office of Vespers and Compline.

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