



Choral Evensong: The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Service

The Office of Evensong has been said or sung in this form throughout the Anglican Communion since the 1530s. This reflective service uses the order of worship found in the 1662 Prayer Book in common with Anglican Cathedrals across the world (with very slight adaptation for use in this Cathedral). The psalms, lessons, hymns, and anthem are varied according to the lectionary.

At Choral Evensong the choir offers its worship on behalf of those present. The congregation is invited to join in the prayers and the singing of the hymns.

Please stand as the procession enters

Invitation to Confession

Please kneel

The Confession (*said by all*)

**Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against thy holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent;
According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

Please stand

Preces (*sung by the choir*)

Herbert Sumsion

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall shew 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 Ghost;

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.

Office Hymn 26: O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ

Please sit

Psalm 145 (*sung by the choir*)

I will magnify thee O God my King: and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
Every day will I give thanks unto thee: and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and marvelous worthy to be praised: there is no end of his greatness.
One generation shall praise thy works unto another: and declare thy power.
As for me, I will be talking of thy worship: thy glory thy praise and wondrous works.
So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvelous acts: and I will also tell of thy greatness.
The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be showed: and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
The Lord is gracious and merciful: long-suffering and of great goodness.
The Lord is loving unto every man: and his mercy is over all his works.
All thy works praise thee O Lord: and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
They show the glory of thy kingdom: and talk of thy power;
That thy power thy glory and mightiness of thy kingdom: might be known unto men.
Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom: and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.
The Lord upholdeth all such as fall: and lifteth up all those that are down.
The eyes of all wait upon thee O Lord; and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand: and fillest all things living with plenteousness.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways: and holy in all his works.
The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea all such as call upon him faithfully.
He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry and will help them.
The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and 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.

The First Lesson

Hosea 13:4-14

Magnificat (*sung by the choir*)

Service in C

Geoffrey Burgon

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
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 Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 2: 6-16

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 Minister and the people stand to say

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 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.**

Please kneel or sit

Versicles and Responses (*sung by the choir*)

Herbert Sumsion

The Lord be with you

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the State.

And mercifully hear 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.

The Three Collects (*the Collect of the day, the Collect for peace, and the Collect for aid against all perils*)

The Anthem: The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life!
such a Way as gives us breath;
such a Truth as ends all strife;
such a Life as killeth Death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength!
such a Light as shows a feast;
such a Feast as mends in length;
such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart!
such a Joy as none can move;
such a Love as none can part;
such a Heart as joys in love.

Please kneel

The Prayers

Then the Minister offers the following prayer

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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.**

Please stand to sing

Hymn 559: Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Please remain standing as the Minister concludes the service

The Grace

Postlude: Sonata 3 (iii)

Paul Hindemith

Thank you for joining us for Choral Evensong.

The service next Sunday will be sung by the Section Leaders of the Cathedral Choir
Canticles: Service in D minor – Thomas Walmisley
Anthem: How dear are thy counsels – William Crotch

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