



## Choral Evensong for the Second Sunday of Easter

*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*

### Opening Sentence

*The Minister begins with a sentence of scripture*

○ worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him. *Psalm 96:9*

*Preces (sung by the choir)*

Malcolm Archer

*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

25: O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ

*The people sit for the Psalm.*

*Psalm 111 (sung by the choir)*

*I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart: secretly among the faithful and in the congregation.*

*The works of the Lord are great: sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.*

*His work is worthy to be praised and had in honor: and his righteousness endureth for ever.*

*The merciful goodness of the Lord hath so done his marvelous works: that they ought to be had in remembrance.*

*He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.*

*He hath shewed his people the power of his works: that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.*

The works of his hands are verity and judgment: all his commandments are true.  
They stand fast for ever and ever: and are done in truth and equity.  
He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever, holy and reverend is his Name.  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do thereafter, the praise of it endureth 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 First Lesson

Exodus 14:5-22

Magnificat (*sung by the choir*)

Service in C

Wayne Marshall

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 John 1:1-7

Nunc Dimittis (*sung by the choir*)

Service in C

Wayne Marshall

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*

Prayers and Suffrages (*sung by the choir*)

Malcolm Archer

*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.*

*Then follow three Collects; the first of the day; the second for Peace; the third for Aid against all Perils*

The Three Collects

*The congregation sits while the choir sings the anthem.*

The Anthem: Sing we merrily

Christopher Symons

Sing we merrily unto God our strength: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.  
Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret: the merry harp with the lute.  
Blow up the trumpet in the new moon: even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day.  
Sing we merrily unto God our strength: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

*Please kneel*

## The Prayers

*Then the Minister offers the following prayer*

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### 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 209: We walk by faith, and not by sight

*Please remain standing as the Minister concludes the service*

The Grace

Postlude: Resurrection Dance

Alan Ridout

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 G – Herbert Sumsion  
Anthem: I sat down under his shadow – Edward Bairstow

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