



## Choral Evensong for the Sixth 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*

*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)*

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

25: O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ

*The people sit for the Psalm.*

Psalm 34 *(sung by the choir)*

I will always give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.

○ praise the Lord with me: and let us magnify his Name together.

I sought the Lord and he heard me: yea he delivered me out of all my fear.

They had an eye unto him and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

Lo the poor crieth and the Lord heareth him: yea and saveth him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him: and delivereth them.

○ taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

○ fear the Lord ye that are his saints: for they that fear him lack nothing.

The lions do lack and suffer hunger: but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Come ye children, and hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
What man is he that lusteth to live: and would fain see good days?  
Keep thy tongue from evil: and thy lips that they speak no guile.  
Eschew evil and do good: seek peace and ensue it.  
The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous: and his ears are open unto their prayers.  
The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil: to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.  
The righteous cry and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.  
The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart: and will save such as be of an humble spirit.  
Great are the troubles of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of all.  
He keepeth all his bones: so that not one of them is broken.  
But misfortune shall slay the ungodly: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.  
The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants: and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

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

Leviticus 25:1-17

Magnificat (*sung by the choir*)

Service in F

George Dyson

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

James 1:2-8, 16-18

Nunc Dimittis (*sung by the choir*)

Service in F

George Dyson

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 catholic 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*)

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.*

*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: Save us, O Lord

Edward Bairstow

Save us, O Lord, waking, guard us sleeping,  
That awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. Amen.

*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 24: The day thou gavest

*Please remain standing as the Minister concludes the service*

The Grace

Postlude: Elegy

Paul Spicer

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 A – Samuel Arnold

Anthem: God is gone up – William Croft

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