SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
Minneapolis

Choral Evensong for All Saints' Day

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

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 150 *(sung by the choir)*

O praise God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath: praise the Lord.

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 — Wisdom 5:1-5, 14-16

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 — Revelation 21:1-4, 22 – 22:5

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*) 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 first of the day; the second for Peace; the third for Aid against all Perils)*

Please sit

The Anthem: The Song of the Tree of Life Ralph Vaughan Williams

Unto him that overcometh shall be given of the tree of life
Which is in the midst of the paradise of God.
On either side of the river growth the tree of life,
The leaves of the tree are for thy healing.

In the midst of that fair city flows the river of water of life clear as crystal.
Who so will, let him take of the water of life freely.
Who so drinketh of this water shall never thirst.
Take thou the leaves of the tree of life.
So shalt thou enter in through the gates of the city.

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 625: Ye holy angels bright

Please remain standing as the Minister concludes the service

The Grace

Postlude: Chorale-Improvisation: 'Eternity, thou Word of Power' Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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 C – Charles Hylton Stewart
Anthem: Hail, gladdening Light – Geoffrey Shaw

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