

ST MARK'S

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*Choral Evensong
with Benediction*

About This Service

The Anglican tradition of Evensong is an ancient and venerable one. It is a sixteenth-century conflation and expansion of the daily offices of Vespers and Compline. Let the words of the prayers, lessons, and choral music wash over you. Pray with us and with the whole communion of saints as we participate in the Church's obedience to our Lord's command to "pray without ceasing" as we offer our sacrifice of praise.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament enables us to carry our praise and adoration from its summit and source in the Mass (Eucharist) into this devotional service. In this beautiful time of adoration, we rest in awe before the presence of Christ with us sacramentally in Bread. We pause and reflect. We gaze upon and adore. We acknowledge and proclaim the real presence of the living and resurrected Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Please stand at the entry of the choir and clergy.

Introduction

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all people such things as their well-being doth require.

Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.



Please SIT or KNEEL as we say together

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
Jesu 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.



May the almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you
pardon and remission of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



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.

Please STAND

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.

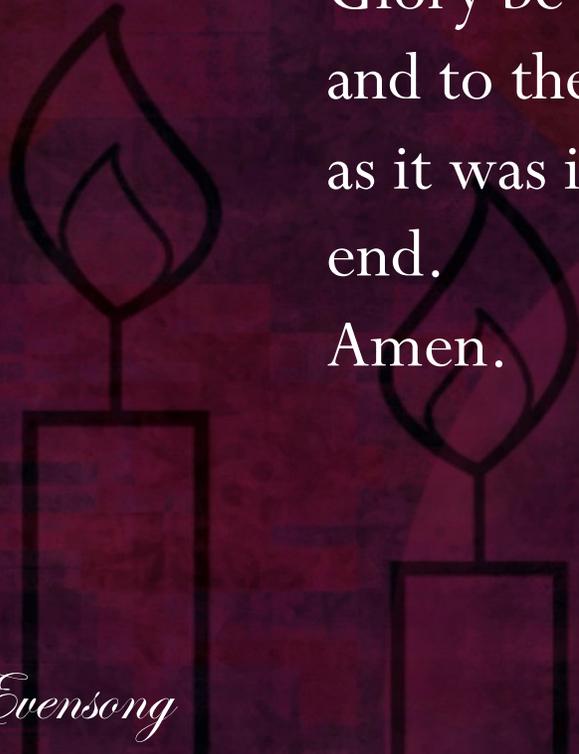
The Lord's name be praised.



The Psalmody

Please SIT for the psalm and STAND for the Gloria

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 Reading

Please SIT



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The Magnificat

The choir sing the Canticle of Mary

My soul doth magnify the Lord.

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

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 Reading

Please SIT



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The 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

Please STAND as we say the creed together

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.



The Lord be with you:
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

(Please sit or kneel)

Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us.



Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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 Queen:
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 Collect of the Day

The Collect for Peace

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 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 Prayers of Intercession

Please SIT or KNEEL

The Anthem

Please SIT as the choir sing 'Geistliches Lied' (Brahms)

During the anthem, the altar is prepared for Benediction



Benediction

Please KNEEL, if possible, as the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance is exposed on the altar.



The choir sing O SALUTARIS HOSTIA (Anerio)

O saving Victim, op'ning wide the gate of Heav'n to man below;
our foes press on from every side;
thine aid supply, they strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend for ever more, blest One in
Three;

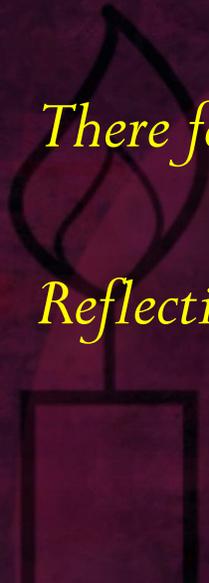
O grant us life that shall not end,
in our true native land with Thee.
Amen.

Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), trans. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There follows a time of silence for Adoration and Prayer.

Reflections or prayers may be offered by the celebrant



The choir sing TANTUM ERGO SACRAMENTUM (Webbe)

Therefore we, before him bending,
This great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending
Makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing
To the Father and the Son;
Honour, thanks, and praise addressing
While eternal ages run;
Ever too, his love confessing
Who from both with both is one. Amen.

Thou gavest them Bread from heaven.
Containing in itself all sweetness.

Let us pray:

Lord our God,

in this great sacrament, we come into the presence of Jesus
Christ, your Son.

Born of the Virgin Mary and crucified for our salvation.

May we who declare our faith in this fountain of love and mercy
Drink from it the water of everlasting life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The priest takes the monstrance and makes the sign of the cross over the people with it as a blessing.

It is customary to sign yourself with the cross as this happens.

The monstrance is then placed back on the altar



We remain Seated or Kneeling to say together:

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.



**Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.
Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.
Amen.**



The priest replaces the monstrance containing the Sacrament back in the Aumbry in the side chapel.

Please sit as long as you wish before leaving.



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6pm on the 4th Sunday of every month