

Choral Evensong

Ascension Day

6.00pm
13 May 2021

Officiant
The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson

Canticles
Wood in D

Responses
Sanders

Choir
St Peter's Cathedral Choir

Director of Music
Anthony Hunt

Organist
David Heah

Choral Evensong is a service sung in Anglican Cathedrals throughout the world. It is a quiet service of reflection at the end of the day. Sung by the priest and choir, Evensong invites us beyond ourselves and our daily troubles into the presence of God, giving us the space to pray for others, or, perhaps quite simply, to enable the beautiful music to wash over us.

The Officiant and Choir sing the Versicles and Responses

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.

All stand for the Doxology

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.

Please stand to sing the Office Hymn

Hymn: #228 [Llanfair]

Hail the day that sees him rise

- 1 Hail the day that sees him rise, *Alleluia*,
to his throne above the skies; *Alleluia*,
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, *Alleluia*,
enters now the highest heaven. *Alleluia!*
- 2 There for him high triumph waits;
lift your heads, eternal gates.
He hath conquered death and sin;
take the King of Glory in.
- 3 Lo, the heaven its Lord receives,
yet he loves the earth he leaves;
though returning to his throne,
still he calls mankind his own.
- 4 See, he lifts his hands above;
see, he shews the prints of love;
hark, his gracious lips bestow
blessings on his church below.
- 5 Still for us he intercedes,
his prevailing death he pleads;
near himself prepares our place,
he the first-fruits of our race.
- 6 Lord, though parted from our sight,
far above the starry height,
grant our hearts may thither rise,
seeking thee above the skies.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788), Thomas Cotterill (1779–1823) and others
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Please sit as the choir sings Psalm 110 (Chant: Sir George Thalben Ball)

The Lord said unto my Lord

Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion

be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.

In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship
the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.

The Lord sware, and will not repent

Thou art a Priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech.

The Lord upon thy right hand

shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall judge among the heathen; he shall fill the places with the dead bodies
and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries.

He shall drink of the brook in the way

therefore shall he lift up his head.

Please 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.

Please sit for the first reading: 2 Kings 2:1-15 (Read by Brian White)

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So, the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.'

As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

When the company of prophets who were at Jericho saw him at a distance, they declared, 'The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.' They came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

Here ends the first reading.

Please stand while the choir sings The Song of Mary (Magnificat): Luke 1.46-55

MY soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

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.

Please sit for the second reading: Revelation 5:1-10 (Read by Stephen Pash)

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne.

When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll

and to open its seals,

for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God

saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;

you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,

and they will reign on earth.'

Here ends the second reading.

Please stand while the choir sings The Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis)

Luke 2: 29-32

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 Officiant and Choir sing the response and prayers

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. *(Please kneel/sit)*

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

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 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.

Followed by the Collect of the Day

God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up into the glory of heaven: clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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 Evening Collect

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.**

Please stand to sing the Second Hymn

Hymn: #686 [<i>Matzler's Redhead No 66</i>]	Jesu, our hope, our heart's desire
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| 1 Jesu, our hope, our heart's desire,
thy work of grace we sing;
Redeemer of the world art thou,
its Maker and its King. | 4 O may thy mighty love prevail
our sinful souls to spare;
O may we stand around thy throne,
and see thy glory there. |
| 2 How vast the mercy and the love
which laid our sins on thee,
and led thee to a cruel death,
to set thy people free! | 5 Jesu, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
in thee be all our glory now
and through eternity. |
| 3 But now the bonds of death are burst,
the ransom has been paid;
and thou art on thy Father's throne,
in glorious robes arrayed. | 6 All praise to thee who art gone up
triumphantly to heaven;
all praise to God the Father's name,
and Holy Ghost be given. |

Jesu, nostra redemptio, (Latin, c.8th century) based on translation by John Chandler (1806-1871)
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*Please be seated as the choir sings the Anthem: God Omnipotent Reigneth –
16th century melody by Pierre Dacques, arr. Charles Wood (1866 -1926)*

God omnipotent reigneth, Clad in apparel bright;
Sovran King He remaineth, Girded about with might;
By him the world alone Immutably was grounded;
In heav'n hath He His throne, From everlasting founded.

Ocean billow and breaker Uplift the voice of pride;
But their mightier Maker Governeth wind and tide.
His laws and sure decree Of holiness are telling,
Which evermore shall be Sole inmate of His dwelling. Amen.

Psalm 93 paraphrased by G. R. Woodward (1849-1934)

Please sit or kneel for the prayers.

A Prayer for Peace & Safety amid Unrest

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows: and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts: through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

An Evening Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, you have given us much today; grant us also a thankful spirit. Into your hands we commend ourselves and those we love. Be with us still, and when we take our rest renew us for the service of your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please stand to sing the Final Hymn:

Hymn: #507 [Fulda]	We have a gospel to proclaim
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| 1 We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth. | 4 Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory. |
| 2 Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all. | 5 Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his church
to live for him, the Lamb who died. |
| 3 Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the cross;
for all he loved his life he gave. | 6 Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth. |

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Please remain standing for the Blessing

You are welcome to sit and listen reflectively to the organ postlude.

Olivier Messiaen Prière du Christ montant vers son père

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6:00pm Choral Evensong

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(with Cathedral Kids)

6.00pm Choral Evensong

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