



CHORAL EVENSONG

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Welcome to this service. Evensong hangs on the wall of English life like an old, familiar cloak passed through the generations. Rich with prayer and scripture, it is nevertheless totally nonthreatening. It is a service into which all can stumble without censure--a rambling old house where everyone can find some corner to sit and think, to listen with half-attention, trailing a few absentminded fingers of faith or doubt in its passing stream. Most religious celebrations gather us around a table of some sort. They hand us a book or a plate, or speak a word of demanding response. They want to 'touch' us. Choral Evensong is a liturgical expression of Christ's *Nolle me tangere* -- 'Do not touch me. I have not yet ascended to my Father' (St. John 20:17). It reminds us that thresholds can be powerful places of contemplation; and that leaving someone alone with their thoughts is not always denying them hospitality or welcome. Please join in the parts of the service printed in bold type. *Stephen Hough*

The service begins with an organ prelude. Please stand when the choir and clergy enter the Cathedral.

OPENING PRECES - *Sung by the choir*

OFFICE HYMN - *Sung by everyone from the insert*

The congregation may be seated and remain seated until the prayers.

PSALM - *Sung by the choir*

FIRST LESSON

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God**

MAGNIFICAT

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 showed 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. *Gloria.*

SECOND LESSON

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People **Thanks be to God.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

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. *Gloria*

Please stand.

APOSTLE'S CREED - *Spoken by all*

**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 power of 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.

RESPONSES, LORD'S PRAYER, AND COLLECTS - *Sung by the choir*

Please be seated.

GREETING

ANTHEM

After the anthem, please stand or kneel.

SPOKEN PRAYERS *Everyone joins on one of the following prayers:*

1) A General Thanksgiving

God of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

2) Night Prayer (New Zealand Prayer Book)

Be present, Spirit of God, within us, your dwelling place and home, that this house may be one where all darkness is penetrated by your light, all troubles calmed by your peace, all evil redeemed by your love, all pain transformed in your suffering, and all dying glorified in your risen life. Amen.

3) Night Prayer (New Zealand Prayer Book)

Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be. The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your name we pray. Amen.

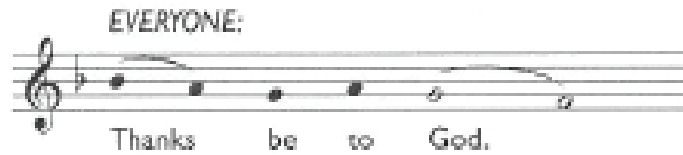
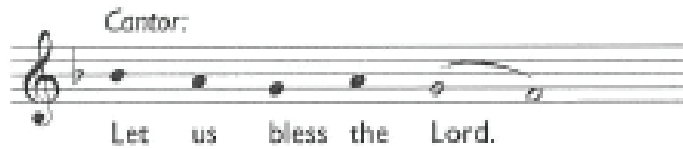
4) A Thanksgiving (New Zealand Prayer Book)

Dear God, thank you for all that is good, for our creation and our humanity, for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth, for the gifts of life and of one another, for your love which is unbounded and eternal. O most holy and beloved, our Companion, our Guide upon the way, our bright evening star. Amen.

5) Collect (John Donne)

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven. To enter into that gate and dwell in that house where there shall be no darkness or dazzling, but one equal light; no noise or silence, but one equal music; no fears, nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity; in the habitations of thy glory and dominion, world without end. Amen.

CONCLUDING VERSICLE AND RESPONSE



BLESSING

HYMN - *Sung by everyone from the insert*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please remain standing while the choir and clergy leave the Cathedral.

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CHORAL EVENSONG AT TRINITY CATHEDRAL
Cleveland, Ohio
November 2022

2 November	All Souls
Choir	Trinity Chamber Singers
Officiant	The Rev. Rosalind Hughes
Hymns	232, T. Wilson "Delcamp"
Psalm	130
Responses	Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)
Service	George Dyson in F (1883-1964)
Anthem	Justorum animae - Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
9 November	Richard Rolle, Walter Hilton, Margery Kempe
Choir	Sopranos of the Cathedral Choir
Officiant	The Rev. Keith Owen
Hymns	29, 526
Psalm	63: 1-8
Responses	Plainsong
Service	Sarah MacDonald in A-flat (b. 1968)
Anthem	Oculus non vidit – Orlando de Lassus (1532-1594)
16 November	Margaret, Queen of Scotland
Choir	Choristers of St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights
Officiant	The Rev. Jeanne Leinbach
Hymns	24, 35
Psalm	146: 4-9
Responses	Plainsong
Service	Malcolm Archer: Berkshire Service (b. 1952)
Anthem	Open My Heart, Illumine Me - Richard Lloyd
30 November	St. Andrew the Apostle
Choir	Trinity Chamber Singers
Officiant	The Rev. Keith Owen
Hymns	60, 54
Psalm	19: 1-6
Responses	Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)
Service	C. V. Stanford in G (1852-1924)
Anthem	The Lord Will Surely Come – Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

Anthems

2 November: Justorum animae - Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos tormentum malitiae. Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori, illi autem sunt in pace.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of malice shall not touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are at peace.

9 November: Oculus non vidit – Orlando de Lassus (1534-1592)

Oculus non vidit, nec auris audivit, nec in cor hominis ascendit, quae preparavit Deus his, qui diligunt illum.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have the things God has prepared for those who love Him entered into the heart of man.

30 November: The Lord Will Surely Come – Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

Kyrie eleison. The Lord will surely come and not delay, and He will bring to light the things hidden in darkness. The Lord will surely come, and will manifest Himself to all nations. Kyrie eleison. Therefore work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish.