



## 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

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

*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

Cantor:  
Let us bless the Lord.



EVERYONE:  
Thanks be to God.



The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is for the Cantor and contains the lyrics 'Let us bless the Lord.' The second staff is for everyone and contains the lyrics 'Thanks be to God.' Both staves use a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The Cantor's part consists of a single melodic line with a long note on 'Lord.' The response part consists of a single melodic line with a long note on 'God.'

## 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 2023**

**November 1 All Saints**

Choir Trinity Chamber Singers  
Homilist The Rev. Keith Owen  
Hymns 232 (with stanza 2), Who are these like stars appearing?  
Responses Carolyn Hoff (b. 2004)  
Psalm 34:1-10, 22  
Service George Dyson in F (1883-1964)  
Anthem The Beatitudes – Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

**November 8 Ammonius, Hermit**

Choir Choristers of St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights (Kelsey Ferguson, Director)  
Homilist The Rev. Jeanne Leinbach  
Hymns God, you made our human voices; Gentle Jesus, Loving Shepherd  
Responses Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)  
Psalm 24  
Service Jessica French Evening Service (b. 1984)  
Anthem Andrew's Song – Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

**November 15 Herman of Alaska, Missionary**

Choir Trinity Cathedral Choir  
Homilist The Rev. Adrienne Koch  
Hymns 35, 482  
Responses Craig Phillips (b. 1961)  
Psalm 148: 7-14  
Service Orlando Gibbons Short Service (1583-1625)  
Anthem Almighty and everlasting God – Orlando Gibbons

**November 22 NO EVENSONG DURING THANKSGIVING WEEK**

**November 29 St. Andrew the Apostle**

Choir Trinity Chamber Singers  
Homilist The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens  
Hymns 231 (with stanza 2), 234  
Responses Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)  
Psalm 19:1-6  
Service Grayston Ives "Edington" Service (b. 1948)  
Anthem Never weather-beaten sail – Charles Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)



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**Anthems**

**1 Nov: The Beatitudes – Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)**

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Amen.

**8 Nov: Andrew's Song – Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)**

George Herbert (1593-1633)

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,  
Guilty of dust and sin.  
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack  
From my first entrance in,  
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,  
If I lacked anything.

"A guest," I answered, "worthy to be here."  
Love said, "You shall be he."  
"I, th'unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,  
I cannot look on thee."  
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,  
"Who made the eyes but I?"

"Truth, Lord, but I have marred them; let my shame  
Go where it doth deserve."  
"And know you not," says Love, "who bore the blame?"  
"My dear, then I will serve."  
"You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my meat."  
So I did sit and eat.

**15 Nov: Almighty and everlasting God – Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)**

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**29 Nov: Never weather-beaten sail – Charles Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)**

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore, never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more, than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast: O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest. Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise, cold age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes. Glory there the sun outshines, whose beams the blessed only see. O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to Thee!