



The
Office of Evensong
according to
The Book of Common Prayer

ORDER OF SERVICE

INTROIT

“Solomon’s Prayer” by Samuel Wesley

The Versicles and Responses and sung to a setting by Philip Radcliffe.

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

**As is was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord’s name be praised.

All sit

PSALM 111

I will give thanks unto the Lord with my / whole / heart:

secretly among the faithful and / in the / congre- / gation.

The works of the / Lord are / great:

sought out of all / them that . Have / pleasure . there- / in.

His work is worthy to be praised and / had in / honour:

and his / righteousness . en- / dureth for / ever.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his / marvell-

ous / works:

that they / ought to . be / had in . re- / membrance.

He hath given meat unto / them that / fear him:

he shall ever be / mind-ful / of his / covenant.

He hath shewed his people the / power of . His / works:

that he may give them the / heri-tage / of the / heathen.

The works of his hands are / verity . And / judgement:

all / his com- / mandments . are / true.

They stand fast for- / ever and / ever:

and are / done in / truth and / equity.

He sent redemption / unto his / people:

he hath commanded his covenant for ever,*

holy and / rever - end / is his / name.

The fear of the Lord is the be- / ginning . Of / wisdom:

and of good understanding are all they that do thereafter,*

the / praise of it . en- / dureth for / ever.

Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son:

and / to the / Ho-ly / Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now and / ev-er / shall be;

world without / end. / Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 15: 19-26

All stand to join in singing

THE OFFICE HYMN

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,

Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy,

Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord at the noon of the day.
Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*All remain standing while the Choir sings the following canticle
to a setting by Walmisley in D minor.*

MAGNIFICAT

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 called 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.

All sit for the reading.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 14: 13 - 15: 6

*All stand while the Choir sings the following canticle
sung to a setting by Walmisley in D minor.*

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 in 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.

All join in saying 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 was buried.**

**He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead,
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at 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.

The people kneel.

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 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

O Lord, show 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 FOR THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God,
of whose only gift it cometh
that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service:
grant, we beseech thee,
that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life,
that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SECOND COLLECT AT EVENING PRAYER

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 THIRD 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.**

All sit for the anthem.

THE ANTHEM

“Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace” - S S Wesley

All kneel.

THE PRAYERS

The Lord has granted his loving-kindness in the daytime; and now
in the night season will I sing of him. Let my prayer be set forth in
your sight, O Lord, as incense; and let the lifting up of my hands be
an
evening sacrifice, now and always. Amen.

O Lord,
you have told us that you will ask much of those
to whom much is given;
may we, who enjoy so rich an inheritance of faith,
work together more fruitfully,
by our prayers and labours,
to share with those who do not know you

the gifts we so plentifully enjoy;
and, as we have entered into the labours of others,
so may others enter into ours, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and ever-loving God,
your care extends beyond the boundaries of race and nation
to the hearts of all who live.

May the walls, which prejudice raises between people,
crumble beneath the shadow of your outstretched arm.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus,
by the loneliness of your suffering on the cross,
be near to all who are desolate, and in pain and sorrow;
let your presence transform their sorrow into comfort,
and their loneliness into fellowship with you;
for the sake of your tender mercy. **Amen.**

Almighty and merciful God,
you grant to your faithful people
the grace by which we can make every path in this world
into the strait and narrow way which leads to eternal life.
Grant that we, who know that we have no strength of ourselves
to help ourselves,
and therefore put all our trust in your almighty power,
may always conquer, by your grace,
whatever may arise to fight against us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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:
fulfill 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.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

All stand to join in singing

Ye servants of God,
your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad
his wonderful Name;
the Name all-victorious
of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious;
he rules over all.

God ruleth on high,
almighty to save;
and still he is nigh:
his presence we have.
The great congregation
his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation
to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God
who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud,
and honour the Son.
The praises of Jesus
the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces,
and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore,
and give him his right:
All glory and power,
all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing,
with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing
and infinite love.

All remain standing. The Officiant says

Keep watch, dear Lord,
with those who work, or watch, or weep this night,
and give thine angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, Lord Christ;
give rest to the weary,
bless the dying,
soothe the suffering,
pity the afflicted,
shield the joyous;
and all for thy love's sake. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the ✠ blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost,
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**