

Celebratory Evensong for Mayor's Sunday



TRURO
CITY COUNCIL

Attended by
The Right Worshipful the Mayor of the City of Truro
Councillor Chris Wells,

accompanied by

City Councillors, Visiting Dignitaries and
Representatives of Local Organisations



Truro
Cathedral
sacred space, common ground

Sunday 14th June 2026
4pm

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Welcome to this celebratory Choral Evensong for Mayor's Sunday. Choral Evensong is a service of worship made up of hymns, psalms, readings from the Bible, an anthem and prayers. Much of it is sung by the Cathedral Choir and this allows worshippers to "rest" in the service, allowing the mind and heart to participate at different levels.

This service also provides the frame in which we ask for God's blessing on the Mayor of the City of Truro. We extend a special welcome this afternoon to the Mayor, Councillor Chris Wells , his family and friends, as well as to City Councillors, representatives of many local organisations and visiting dignitaries.

During the final hymn there will be a collection, half of which will go towards the work of the Cathedral, and the other half will go to the charity chosen by the Mayor. Card donation points are also available as you exit the cathedral. Please give generously.

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We hope and pray that all of us, our City and especially that our Mayor will be greatly blessed and encouraged by Almighty God in all the work done for the benefit of our community and our environment.

Throughout the service there are directions about posture. Please take these as suggestions. The congregation are free to kneel or sit at any time. Please join in the text marked in **bold type**.

All remain seated while visiting dignitaries take their seats.

Please stand for the entry of the Mayor's Procession and remain standing for the entry of the choir and clergy.

Processional Hymn

**1.All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth
tell,
come ye before him, and rejoice.**

**2.The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**3.O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name
always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

*Old Hundredth 334 NEH
Genevan Psalter 1551*

**4.For why? the Lord our God is good:
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

**5.To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth
adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore. Amen.**

*Psalm 100
versified by William Kethe (d 1594)*

The Opening Responses

*sung by the Precentor and the choir
to a setting by Humphrey Clucas(b.1941)*

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 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 Interim Dean welcomes the congregation.

Psalm 119:9-16
sung by the Choir

Please sit as the choir chants the Psalm.

9. Herewithal shall a young man cleanse his way:
even by ruling himself after thy word.
10. With my whole heart have I sought thee:
O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.
11. Thy words have I hid within my heart:
that I should not sin against thee.
12. Blessed art thou, O Lord: O teach me thy statutes.
13. With my lips have I been telling: of all the judgements of thy mouth.
14. I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies:
as in all manner of riches.
15. I will talk of thy commandments: and have respect unto thy ways.
16. My delight shall be in thy statutes: and I will not forget thy word.

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.

The First Lesson

Ecclesiastes 4:9-16

read by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Loic Rich. Please sit.

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes:

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken. Better is a poor but wise youth than an old but foolish king, who will no longer take advice. One can indeed come out of prison to reign, even though born poor in the kingdom. I saw all the living who, moving about under the

sun, follow that youth who replaced the king; there was no end to all those people whom he led. Yet those who come later will not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

Here ends the First Lesson.

Please stand

The Magnificat

The Song of Mary

sung by the Choir to the setting by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 – 1924)

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.

The Second Lesson

Matthew 18: 1-6,10-14

read by the Mayor, Councillor Chris Wells. Please sit.

A reading from the gospel of Saint Matthew

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea...

'Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

Hymn

Please stand

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

***Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.***

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Chorus***

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Chorus***

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stones. *Chorus***

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.
*Chorus***

Text and music: Bernadette Farrell (born 1957)

Nunc Dimittis
The Song of Simeon
sung by the choir

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

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 Prayers

sung by the Precentor and the Choir

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit.

Please sit or kneel
Let us pray.

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 King.
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 Second Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 help in danger

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 sit

Anthem

sung by the choir

I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city: that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Hubert Parry (1848–1918)

Psalm 122: 1–3, 6–7

The Sermon

The Rt Revd James Treasure, Bishop of St Germans

Hymn

Please Stand

during which the collection will be taken.

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.**

Music Woodlands NEH 186 Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)

Text: Walter Grotz (1877–1949) after St Luke 1: 46–55

Prayers of Intercession

led by the Mayor's chaplain, the Reverend Andy Boorne. Please sit.

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

Cornwall My Home

Harry Glasson (b.1951)

Sung by the cathedral choir

The Blessing

Please stand

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The National Anthem

**God save our gracious King!
Long live our noble King!
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour;
Long may he reign:
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save our King.**

Organ Voluntary

Voluntary Fantasia and Fugue in G by Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

Please remain standing while the Choir, Clergy and Civic Procession depart.

The Civic Procession is escorted by the Dean and led by the Macebearers, consisting of the Mayoral Party; the High Sheriff, High Sheriff's Consort and Chaplain; the Town Clerk; the Town Crier; the Chairman of Cornwall Council and the Mayor's Cadet.

These will be followed by

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