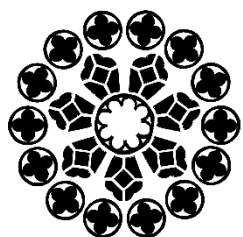


# **EVENSONG**

**upon the death of Her Sovereign  
Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

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*Please remain seated as the choir sings the introit.*

## **Introit**

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;  
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;  
But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.  
O holy and most merciful Saviour,  
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,  
Suffer us not at our last hour,  
For any pains of death to fall away from Thee.

*Words: Book of Common Prayer*

*Music: Henry Purcell*

*Please stand for the entry of the Choir and the Clergy.*

**The Opening Preces**  
*sung by the Officiant and the Choir  
to traditional plainsong*

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 Officiant welcomes the congregation.*

**The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
The darkness falls at thy behest;  
To thee our morning hymns ascended,  
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.**

**We thank thee that thy church unsleeping,  
While earth rolls onward into light,  
Through all the world her watch is keeping,  
And rests not now by day or night.**

**As o'er each continent and island  
The dawn leads on another day,  
The voice of prayer is never silent,  
Nor dies the strain of praise away.**

**The sun that bids us rest is waking  
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
And hour by hour fresh lips are making  
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.**

**So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,  
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.**

**Psalm 121**  
*sung by the Choir*

*Please sit as the choir chant the Psalms but stand for the singing of the final Gloria.*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills:  
from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh even from the Lord:  
who hath made heaven and earth.  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:  
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.  
Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord himself is thy keeper:  
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;  
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day:  
neither the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:  
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in:  
from this time forth for evermore.  
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.

**Psalm 130**

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.  
O let mine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.  
If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss:  
O Lord, who may abide it?  
For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.  
I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust.  
My soul fleeth unto the Lord:  
before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.  
O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:  
and with him is plenteous redemption.  
And he shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

*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.

*Please sit*

**The First Lesson**  
**Lamentations 3: 18-26, 31-32**

Here begins the eighteenth verse of the third chapter of the Lamentations of the prophet Jeremiah.

I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the Lord:  
Remembering mine affliction and my misery,  
the wormwood and the gall.  
My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.  
This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.  
It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed,  
because his compassions fail not.  
They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.  
The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.  
The Lord is good unto them that wait for him,  
to the soul that seeketh him.  
For the Lord will not cast off for ever:  
But though he cause grief,  
yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.  
For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

Here ends the first lesson.

*Please stand*

## **Magnificat**

*sung by the choir to the fauxbourdon setting composed by William Byrd  
(c. 1540 – 1623)*

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*

## **The Second Lesson**

1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 35-44

Here begins the twentieth verse of the fifteenth chapter of the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.

Here ends the second lesson.

*Please stand*

## **Nunc Dimittis**

*sung by the choir to the fauxbourdon setting composed by William Byrd*

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**

*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 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 Responses**  
*sung by the Officiant and the Choir*

The Lord be with you  
And with thy spirit.

*Please 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**

O God, the maker and redeemer of all mankind: grant to our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth and all the faithful departed the sure benefits of thy Son's saving death and passion; that at the last day, when all are gathered in Christ, they may enjoy the fullness of thy promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 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.

### **Anthem**

'In the midst of life' by Henry Purcell (1659 – 1694)  
*sung by the Choir*

In the midst of life we are in death:  
of whom may we seek for succour,  
but of thee, O Lord,  
who for our sins art justly displeased?  
Yet, O Lord, O Lord most mighty,  
O holy and most merciful Saviour,  
deliver us not into the bitter pains  
of eternal death.

*Words: Book of Common Prayer*

*Please kneel*

## The Prayers

*The prayers end with the Grace:*

*All*    **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.**

*Please stand*

## Hymn

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**

**I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:  
Heaven's morning breaks,  
and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!**

*Please remain standing*

## **Concluding Prayer**

May God in his infinite love and mercy  
bring the whole Church, living and departed in the Lord Jesus,  
to a joyful resurrection  
and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Final Responses** *sung by the Choir*

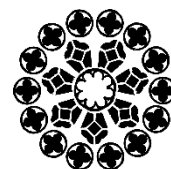
The Lord be with you  
And with thy spirit.

The Lord give us his peace  
and life eternal. Amen.

*Please remain standing while the Choir and the Clergy depart.*

***Please take this order of service away with you.***

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