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**T**he Office of Evensong is sung at the close of each day in cathedrals, collegiate chapels, monastic communities, and parish churches throughout the Anglican Communion. Derived from the ancient offices of Vespers and Compline, it is a service of rare beauty offered through the singing of psalms and canticles, the reading of scripture, and prayer. This liturgy of sung prayer has been offered daily throughout the Christian era and it enables us to join with all those who have gone before, those today who offer their evening prayers, and those who will continue their sung praise, petitions, and thanksgivings in times to come.

The worshipper offers praise through association with the choir and sits awash in sung prayer as it resonates throughout this sacred space. Natural time is suspended as word and music combine to capture the holy rhythms of the spheres and the worshipper is transported beyond chronological time to a place where creation and eternity coalesce into one.

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THE CHURCH  
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

## The Order of Evensong for Michaelmas

October 1, 2023 5:00 PM

*Honoring the 400th Anniversary of William Byrd (1543-1623)*

### Prelude

*Fantasia*

William Byrd

### Organ Voluntary

*¶ All stand as the Choir and Ministers enter*

### Introit

*Let the Priests Make Offering*

William Byrd

*Sacerdotes Domini incensum et panes offerunt Deo:  
et ideo sancti erunt Deo  
suo et non pollutent nomen eius. Alleluia*

*Then did priests make offering of incense and loaves to God:  
and therefore shall they be holy to their Lord  
and shall not defile his most holy name. Alleluia.*

### Opening Sentences

## Confession of Sin

*Officiant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*¶ Officiant and People, all kneeling*

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;  
And there is no health in us.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*¶ The Officiant alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution ✠ and remission of all your sins,  
true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

*¶ People* Amen.

*¶ All stand*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

William Byrd

*¶ All remain standing as the Officiant and Choir sing*

∞ O Lord, open thou our lips.

℞ And our mouth shall show 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.

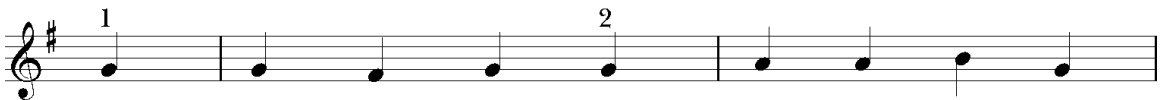
℞ The Lord's Name be praised.

*¶ All remain standing and sing the following hymn*

## Hymn 25

### *The Eighth Tune*

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O



you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through



blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

*¶ All are then seated as the Choir sings the Psalms appointed for the day*

# The Psalmody

## Psalm

*Anglican Chant*

150

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

O Praise God in his holiness:  
Praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him in his noble acts:  
Praise him according to his excellent greatness.  
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:  
Praise him upon the lute and harp.  
Praise him in the cymbals and dances:  
Praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals:  
Praise him upon the loud cymbals.  
Let every thing that hath breath  
Praise the Lord.

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 Lessons

### The First Lesson

Daniel 12: 1-3

**A**t that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time; but at that time your people shall be delivered, every one whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting

contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

*¶ All stand for the singing of the Office Hymn and Magnificat*

## Hymn 454

Lowry

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

*Unison or harmony*

1 Je - sus came, a - dored by an - gels, came with peace from  
2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, when our hearts are  
3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, bring - ing news of  
4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant, when the heavens shall

realms on high; Je - sus came for our re - dem - tion,  
bowed with care: Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer  
sins for - given; Je - sus comes in sounds of glad - ness,  
pass a - way; Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;

low - ly came on earth to die: Al - le - lu - ia,  
to our ear - nest heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia,  
lead - ing souls re - deemed to heaven; Al - le - lu - ia,  
let us then our hom - age pay: Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
 al - le - lu - ia! comes to save us from de - spair.  
 al - le - lu - ia! now the gate of death is riven.  
 al - le - lu - ia! till the dawn of end - less day.

**Magnificat**  
*Second Service*

Luke 1: 46-55  
 William Byrd

✠ 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 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.

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 are seated following the singing of the Magnificat*

## The Second Lesson

Mark 13: 21–27

**I**f any one says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it. False Christs and false prophets will arise and show signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. But take heed; I have told you all things beforehand. The Coming of the Son of Man. But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

*¶ Following the Lesson, all stand for the singing of the Nunc Dimittis*

## Nunc Dimittis

*Second Service*

Luke 2: 29-32  
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

*¶ Sung on a monotone by the Officiant and People together, all standing*

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

*¶ The Officiant and Choir sing the following*

✚ The Lord be with you.  
✚ And with thy spirit.  
✚ Let us pray.

*¶ The People kneel*

✚ Lord have mercy upon us.  
Christ have mercy upon us.  
Lord have mercy upon us.

*¶ Then the short form of the Lord's Prayer is sung by all, kneeling*

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.

*¶ Then follow these Suffrages, sung by the Officiant and Choir*

- ✠ O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.  
✠ And grant us thy salvation.
- ✠ O Lord, save the State.  
✠ 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 following Collects are sung; the Choir sings "Amen."*

## The Collect of the Day

**O**verlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy angels always serve and worship thee in heaven, so by thy appointment they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our



Hymn 24  
*Saint Clement*

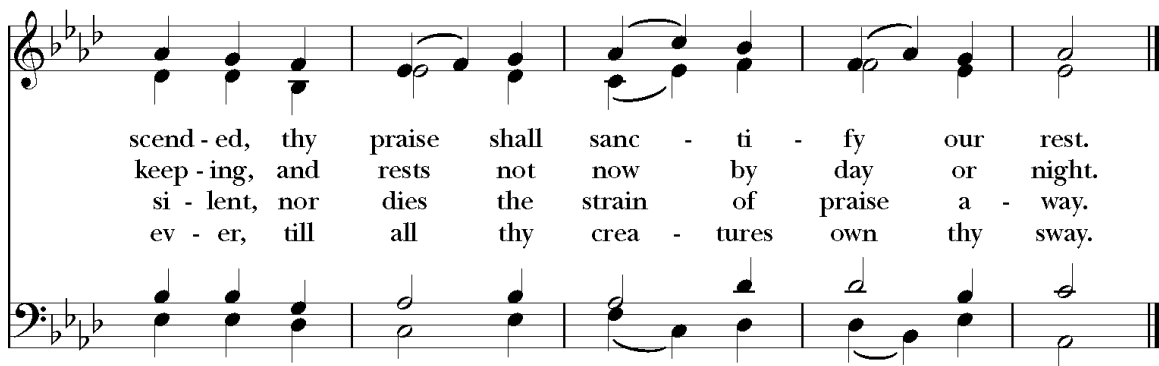
Clement Cotterill Scholefield (1839-1904)



1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed, the dark - ness  
2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls  
3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads  
4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud



falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -  
on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is  
on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er  
em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for



scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.  
keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.  
si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.  
ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

*¶ Then the Congregation is seated*

## Greeting

## Anthem

*Sing Joyfully*

William Byrd

*Sing joyfully to God our strength; sing loud unto the God of Jacob!  
Take the song, bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harp, and the viol.  
Blow the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and at our feast day.  
For this is a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.*

## Closing Prayers

*¶ All kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**S**aint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host – by the Divine Power of God – cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. *¶ People* Amen.

## The Blessing ✠

## Postlude

*Gagliarda*

William Byrd

*Holy Eucharist will be offered in St. Mary's Chapel immediately following this service.*

*All are invited into the Great Hall following the service for a reception.*

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