



The 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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Choral Evensong and Sermon

for

Monday in Holy Week

April 14, 2025 at 5:30 pm

‡ *The choral setting of the Responses was composed by Maxine Thévenot (b. 1969)*

‡ *All stand as the Choir and Ministers enter*

Opening Sentences

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me.

Lamentations 1:12

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

¶ 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.

g *All are then seated*

The Psalmody

Psalm 69:1–23

Salvum me fac

Tone II.1

g *The Antiphon is sung first by the Precentor, then repeated by all; it is then sung by all again at the conclusion of the Psalm*

Zeal for thy house has eat-en me up; the scorn
of those that scorn thee hath fal-len up-on me.

g *The first half of each Psalm verse is sung by the Precentor; the second half is sung by all*

Save me, O God; *
for the waters are come in, even **unto my soul.**
I stick fast in the deep mire, where no *ground is*; *
I am come into deep waters, so that the floods **run over me.**
I am weary of crying; my throat is *dry*; *
my sight faileth me for waiting so long **upon my God.**
They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my *head*; *
they that are mine enemies, and would destroy me guiltless, **are mighty.**
I paid them the things that I never *took*: *
God, thou knowest my simpleness, and my faults are **not hid from thee.**
Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my *cause*; *
let not those that seek thee be confounded through me, O Lord God **of Israel.**
And why? for thy sake have I suffered re-*proof*; *
shame hath **covered my face.**
I am become a stranger unto my *brethren*, *
even an alien unto my moth-**er's children.**

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For the zeal of thine house hath even *eaten me*; *
and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen ***upon me***.

I wept, and chastened myself with *fasting*, *
and that was turned ***to my reproof***.

I put on sackcloth *also*, *
and they jested ***upon me***.

They that sit in the gate speak *a-against me*, *
and the drunkards make songs ***upon me***.

But, Lord, I make my prayer unto *thee* *
in an ***ac-ceptable time***.

Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy *mercy*, *
even in the truth of thy ***salvation***.

Take me out of the mire, that I sink *not*; *
O let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the ***deep waters***.

Let not the water-flood drown me, neither let the deep swallow me *up*; *
and let not the pit shut her mouth ***upon me***.

Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is *comfortable*; *
turn thee unto me according to the multitude of ***thy mercies***.

And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in *trouble*: *
O haste thee, ***and hear me***.

Draw nigh unto my soul, and *save it*; *
O deliver me, because of ***mine enemies***.

Thou hast known my reproach, my shame, and my *dis-honour*: *
mine adversaries are ***all in thy sight***.

Reproach hath broken my heart; I am full of *heaviness*: *
I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man,
neither found I any ***to comfort me***.

They gave me gall to *eat*; *
and when I was thirsty they gave me *vinegar* ***to drink***.

♩ *Then the Gloria Patri is sung*

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 with-***out end. Amen.***

℞ *Antiphon*

Zeal for thy _____ house _____ has eat-en me up; the scorn _____
of those that _____ scorn _____ thee hath _____ fal - len up - on me.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Philippians 3 1:1-14

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is not irksome to me, and is safe for you. Look out for the dogs, look out for the evil-workers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. For we are the true circumcision, who worship God in spirit, and glory in Christ Jesus, and put no confidence in the flesh. Though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If any other man thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law a Pharisee, as to zeal a persecutor of the church, as to righteousness under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, based on law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith; that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Following the Lesson, all stand for the singing of the Office Hymn and Magnificat

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
cross of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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 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.

*Words: Luke 1:46–55 with Gloria Patri
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

☞ All are seated following the singing of the Magnificat

The Second Lesson

John 12:9-19

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at

first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. The Pharisees then said to one another, “You see that you can do nothing; look, the world has gone after him.”

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

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.
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.

*Words: Luke 2:29–32 with Gloria Patri
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

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

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Protection

O God, who art the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly beseech thy merciful protection all the night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Prayer for Mission

Keepest 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.

Benedicamus Domino

¶ *Officiant*

¶ *People*



Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Grace

¶ *Officiant*

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

Then all stand to sing the following Hymn

1 There is a green hill far a - way, out - side a ci - ty wall,
 2 We may not know, we can - not tell, what pains he had to bear,
 *3 He died that we might be for - given, he died to make us good,
 *4 There was no o - ther good e - nough to pay the price of sin,
 5 O dear - ly, dear - ly has he loved! And we must love him too,

1 where our dear Lord was cru - ci - fied who died to save us all.
 2 but we be - lieve it was for us he hung and suf - fered there.
 3 that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his pre - cious blood.
 4 he on - ly could un - lock the gate of heaven and let us in.
 5 and trust in his re - deem - ing blood, and try his works to do.

Closing Prayers

All kneel

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ And with thy spirit.

The Officiant offers prayers for mission and for the world

¶ Then all stand

The Blessing

Almighty God, we pray thee graciously to behold this thy family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. And the blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *¶ People Amen.*

¶ The Choir and Ministers depart; the Congregation remains standing as the procession retires

Holy Week 2025

Holy Tuesday, April 15

5:30 PM Evensong

Holy Wednesday, April 16

5:30 PM Evensong

Maundy Thursday, April 17

5:30 PM A Family Service with Footwashing and Holy Eucharist
(St. George's Chapel) Simple Supper will follow.

7:00 PM The Mandatum, Holy Eucharist, and Stripping of the Altar

9:00 PM Vigil at the Altar of Repose starts

Good Friday, April 18

7:00 AM Stations of the Cross

Noon Vigil at the Altar of Repose ends

Noon The Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday: The Eve of Easter, April 19

7:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter Incense will be used.
A reception with dessert will follow.

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day, April 20

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist

8:45 AM Festival Music for Organ and Brass

9:00 AM Choral Eucharist

The nursery (0 - 3 yrs.) will be available, register online

10:45 AM Festival Music for Organ and Brass

11:00 AM Choral Eucharist

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist (St. George's Chapel)

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