



**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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*“Christ’s Final Address to the Apostles”*

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# Choral Evensong and Sermon

for

## Tuesday in Holy Week

April 15, 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*

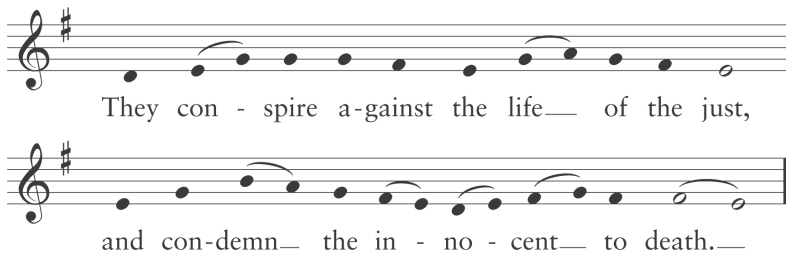
## The Psalmody

### Psalm 94

*Deus ultionum*

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*  
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They con - spire a-against the life— of the just,  
and con-demn— the in - no - cent— to death.—

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



O Lord God, to whom vengeance be-longeth, \*  
thou God, to whom vengeance belong-**eth**, **show thyself**.

Arise, thou Judge of the *world*, \*  
and reward the proud after their **deserving**.

Lord, how long shall the un-godly, \*  
how long shall the ungod-**ly triumph**?

How long shall all wicked doers speak so dis-dainfully, \*  
and make such **proud boasting**?

They smite down thy people, O Lord, \*  
and trouble **thine heritage**.

They murder the widow and the *stranger*, \*  
and put the fa-**therless to death**.

And yet they say, the Lord shall not *see*, \*  
neither shall the God of Jacob **regard it**.

Take heed, ye unwise among the *people*: \*  
O ye fools, when will **ye understand**?



He that planted the ear, shall he not *hear*? \*  
or he that made the eye, ***shall he not see?***

Or he that instructeth the *heathen*, \*  
it is he that teacheth man knowledge; shall not ***he punish?***

The Lord knoweth the *thoughts of man*, \*  
that ***they are but vain.***

Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O *Lord*, \*  
and teachest ***him in thy law;***

That thou mayest give him patience in time of ad-*versity*, \*  
until the pit be digged up for the ***ungodly.***

For the Lord will not fail his *people*; \*  
neither will he forsake his ***inheritance;***

Until righteousness turn again unto *judgment*: \*  
all such as are true in heart ***shall follow it.***

Who will rise up with me against the *wicked*? \*  
or who will take my part against the ***e-vil doers?***

If the Lord had not *helped me*, \*  
it had not failed, but my soul had been put ***to silence.***

But when I said, My foot hath *slipt*; \*  
thy mercy, O ***Lord, held me up.***

In the multitude of the sorrows that I had in my *heart*, \*  
thy comforts have ***refreshed my soul.***

Wilt thou have any thing to do with the throne of *wickedness*, \*  
which imagineth mis-***chief as a law?***

They gather them together against the soul of the *righteous*, \*  
and condemn the ***innocent blood.***

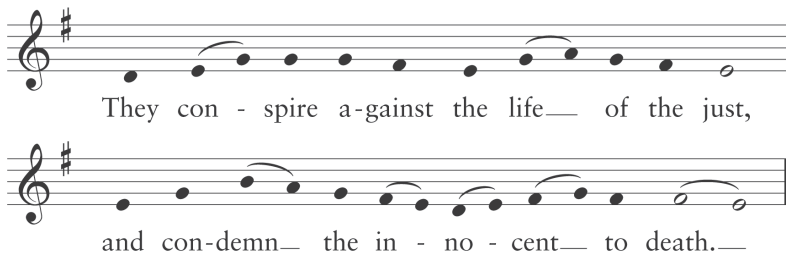
But the Lord is my *refuge*, \*  
and my God is the strength of ***my confidence.***

¶ *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*



They con - spire a-against the life— of the just,  
and con-demn— the in - no - cent— to death.—

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson

Philippians 3:15-21

**L**et those of us who are mature be thus minded; and if in anything you are otherwise minded, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained. Brethren, join in imitating me, and mark those who so live as you have an example in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself.

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

# Hymn

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eyes at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, thy sha-dow for my a - bid - ing place;

the sha - dow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
the ve - ry dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me;  
I ask no o - ther sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
and from my smit - ten heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let my pride go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.  
the — won - ders of re - deem - ing love, and — my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my — sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my — glo - ry all the cross.



## 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: Michael Bedford (b.1949)*

*¶ All are seated following the singing of the Magnificat*

## The Second Lesson

John 12:20-26

**N**ow among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Beth-sa'ida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip and they told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If any one serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honor 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: Michael Bedford (b.1949)*

## **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** God, who by the passion of thy blessed Son didst make an instrument of shameful death to be unto us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; 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

**K**eeep 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.

## Sermon

The Rev. Canon Victoria R. Sirota

¶ *Then all stand to sing the following Hymn*

## Hymn

1 To mock your reign, O dear - est Lord, they made a crown of thorns;  
2 In mock ac - claim, O gra - cious Lord, they snatched a pur - ple cloak,  
3 A scep - tered reed, O pa - tient Lord, they thrust in - to your hand,

set you with taunts a - long that road from which no one re - turns.  
your pas - sion turned, for all they cared, in - to a sol - dier's joke.  
and act - ed out their grim cha - rade to its ap - point - ed end.

They did not know, as we do now, that glo - rious is your crown;  
They did not know, as we do now, that though we mer - it blame  
They did not know, as we do now, though em - pires rise and fall,

that thorns would flower up - on your brow, your sor - rows heal our own.  
you will your robe of mer - cy throw a - round our na - ked shame.  
your King - dom shall not cease to grow till love em - bra - ces all.

*\*The bracketed notes are to be treated as triplet groups.*

## 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

**A**lmighty 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.*

# Holy Week 2025

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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