



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.

Cover Art

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Choral Evensong and Sermon

for

Tuesday in Holy Week

March 31, 2026 at 5:30 pm

¶ *The choral setting of the Responses was composed by Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)*

¶ *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.

☞ *All are then seated*

The Psalmody

Psalm 94

Deus ultionum

Tone II.1

☞ *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*

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

☞ *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.**

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*



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and con-demn— the in - no - cent— to death.—

The Lessons


The First Lesson

2 Corinthians 1:8–22

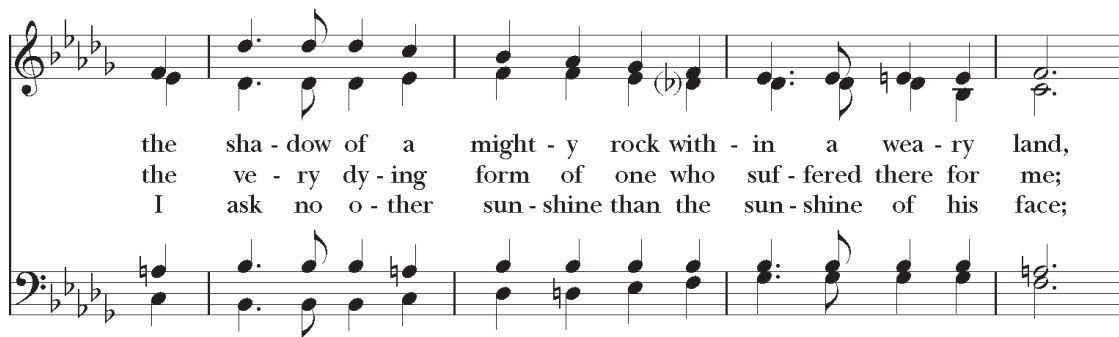
For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. Why, we felt that we had received the sentence of death; but that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead; he delivered us from so deadly a peril, and he will deliver us; on him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us in answer to many prayers. For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience that we have behaved in the world, and still more toward you, with holiness and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God. For we write you nothing but what you can read and understand; I hope you will understand fully, as you have understood in part, that you can be proud of us as we can be of you, on the day of the Lord Jesus. Because I was sure of this, I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a double pleasure; I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedo'nia, and to come back to you from Macedo'nia and have you send me on my way to Judea. Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans like a worldly man, ready to say Yes and No at once? As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we preached among you, Silva'nus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No; but in him it is always Yes. For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

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

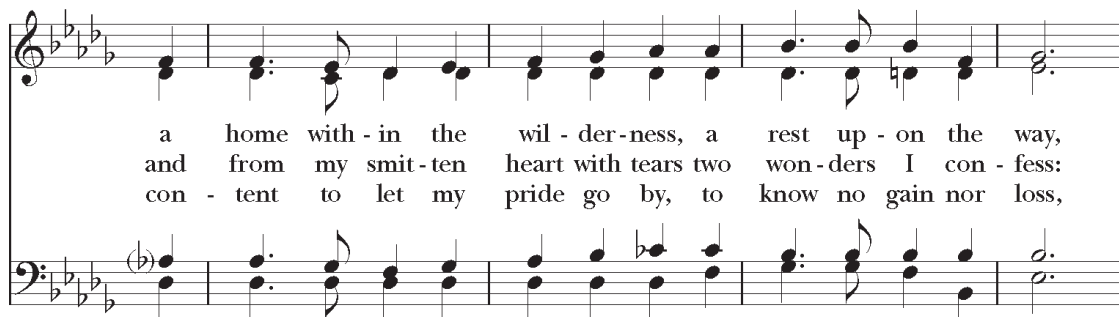
Hymn 498



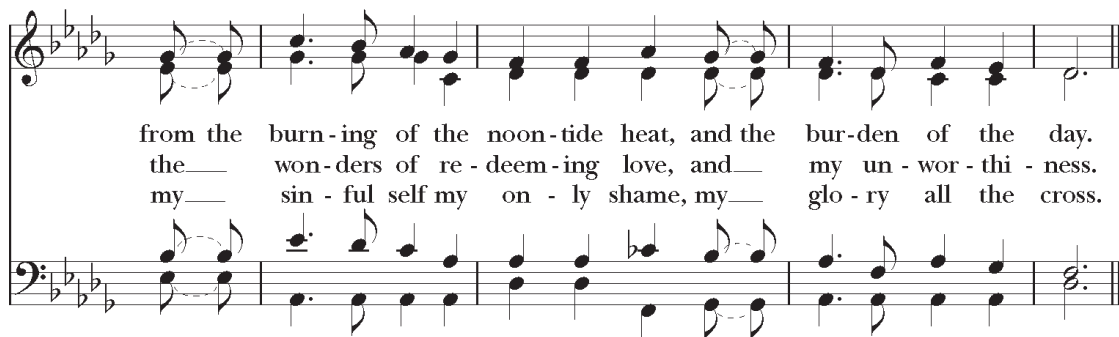
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eyes at times can see
3 I take, O cross, thy sha-dow for my a - bid - ing place;



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.

Words: Elizabeth Cecilia Clephane (1830-1869)

Music: St. Christopher, Frederick Charles Maker (1844-1927)

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

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

The Second Lesson

Mark 11:27-33

And they came again to Jerusalem. And as Jesus was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to him, and they said to him, “By what authority are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority to do them?” Jesus said to them, “I will ask you a question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men? Answer me.” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But shall we say, ‘From men?’”—they were afraid of the people, for all held that John was a real prophet. So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

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

Nunc dimittis Canticles in A

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

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

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

Keeep 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 Rt. Rev. Dr. Barry Morgan

¶ Then all stand to sing the following Hymn

Hymn 170

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.

Words: F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)
 Music: The Third Tune, Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

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.*

Holy Week 2026

Holy Wednesday, April 1

5:30 PM Evensong

Maundy Thursday, April 2

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 3

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 4

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, 5

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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