



# CHORAL EVENSONG

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

CORPUS CHRISTI

June 7, 2026 • 4:00 P.M.

*Welcome to St. John's, Shaughnessy!  
Wherever you are on your spiritual  
journey, and whether you are joining us  
in the church building or via the  
livestream, we are glad you are here!*

*If you are new here and would like to  
learn more, please introduce yourself to  
the clergy after the service. If you would  
like to be added to our mailing list so  
that we may keep you informed of  
upcoming events, please contact the  
church office.*

*Infants and children (and their  
accompanying noises) enliven our services.  
Colouring, crafts, and quiet toys are  
available in the children's area, just to the  
left of the front pews.*

*We acknowledge with respect that we  
worship on the traditional, ancestral, and  
unceded territory of the Coast Salish  
Peoples, and we pray that we may live  
more deeply into the calls to action from  
Canada's Truth and Reconciliation  
Commission.*



## CONCERNING EVENSONG

Perhaps nothing is more peculiarly Anglican than the Order of Evensong. It has been sung daily in the Anglican Church since the sixteenth century. Originating from the monastic hours, its beauty consists of the distinctive parts of the ancient office of Vespers and Compline as set forth by Thomas Cranmer in *The Book of Common Prayer* 1549. Today's Order of Evensong is taken from *The Book of Common Prayer* 1662.

There is a formality about the service which often seems far removed from the uncertain, largely incoherent beliefs of many who attend; it is a choral service with little opportunity for the congregation to take an active part. Yet to some extent the formality is deceptive: the words used result from the long quest of generation after generation of Christians for ways to express their thanksgiving and their hope. The preface to the Order of Evensong used in King's College Chapel offers a further explanation:

*If you are prepared to join in this turning towards God, you will find this is a service in which you can join, though perhaps in ways that are unfamiliar. Here is a liturgical, architectural, and musical space into which, without fretting too much about the words, you may gather the preoccupations and anxieties of your own life and hold them together with a recollection of the God whose acts we celebrate. But many have found that once they have quietly offered the preoccupations which are chattering in their minds they are free silently to go on to offer to God all that they are. The service becomes the medium for our self-offering. By that offering we become open to receive again the love and mercy of God. So we begin again in the Christian life, which is life lived in response to that love and mercy.*

Michael Till, Dean of King's College, Cambridge (1970–1981)

The congregation is invited to attend carefully to the texts of the service and to join in singing the designated portions. The people's responses are in **bold**.

## CHORAL EVENSONG

PRELUDE      *Psalm Prelude* Op.32, No.2      Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

INTROIT      *Verily, verily I say unto you*      Thomas Tallis (c.1505–1585)

Verily, verily I say unto you,  
except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.  
Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life,  
and I will raise him up at the last day.  
For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.  
He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood  
dwelleth in me, and I in him.

*John 6:53–56*

*At the ringing of the bell, please stand in body or in spirit.*

### OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.      1 John 1:8–9

### THE EXHORTATION

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things that are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

**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, miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu 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 ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit; that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE PRECES

Richard Ayleward (1626–1669)

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips;  
*Choir* And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.  
*Choir* 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, and is now and ever shall be;  
 world without end. Amen. Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's  
 Name be praised.

HYMN

MIGHTY SAVIOUR



1 Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the  
 2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set-ting: mir - ror of  
 3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly  
 4 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may  
 5 Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for ev - er



1 day - time ra - diant with the sun - light and to the night give  
 2 day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens  
 3 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion  
 4 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,  
 5 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



1 glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars \_\_\_\_\_ in the hea - vens.  
 2 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.  
 3 join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.  
 4 rest for ach - ing bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - y.  
 5 wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now \_\_\_\_\_ and for ev - er.

*Please be seated.*

- 1 The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit thou on my right hand,  
until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
- 2 The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion:  
be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.
- 3 In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee  
free-will offerings with an holy worship:  
the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.
- 4 The Lord sware, and will not repent:  
Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech.
- 5 The Lord upon thy right hand:  
shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.

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 FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 9:1–6

Here beginneth the ninth chapter of the Book of Proverbs.

Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:  
She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also  
furnished her table. She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the  
highest places of the city, Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for  
him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, Come, eat of my bread,  
and drink of the wine which I have mingled. Forsake the foolish, and live;  
and go in the way of understanding.

Here endeth the first lesson.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

THE MAGNIFICAT *Collegium Regale*

Herbert Howells

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 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 be seated.*

THE SECOND LESSON

John 15:4–17

Here beginneth the fourth verse of the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends;

for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. These things I command you, that ye love one another.

Here endeth the second lesson.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

THE NUNC DIMITTIS     *Collegium Regale*     (Herbert Howells)

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

recto tono

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 LESSER LITANY

Richard Ayleward

*Officiant*     The Lord be with you.

*Choir*         And with thy spirit.

*Officiant*     Let us pray.

*Please kneel in body or in spirit.*

*Choir*         Lord, have mercy upon us.  
                    Christ, have mercy upon us.  
                    Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

recto tono

Our Father,  
**which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

## THE SUFFRAGES

Richard Ayleward

*Officiant* O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
*Choir* And grant us thy salvation.

*Officiant* O Lord, save the King.  
*Choir* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Officiant* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Officiant* O Lord, save thy people.  
*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.

*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
*Choir* Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.

*Officiant* O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
*Choir* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament hath left unto us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## A 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.

## A COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

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.

*Please be seated.*

ANTHEM *Greater love hath no man*

John Ireland (1879–1962)

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.  
Love is strong as death. *Song of Solomon 8:6–7*

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life  
for his friends. *John 15:13*

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we,  
being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. *1 Peter 2:24*

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified,  
in the Name of the Lord Jesus. *1 Corinthians 6:11*

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye  
should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness  
into his marvellous light. *1 Peter 2:9*

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your  
bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your  
reasonable service. *Romans 12:1*

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

THE INTERCESSIONS

*The Officiant offers prayers for the Church, the world, and the concerns of the community.  
After each bidding, silence is kept for personal prayer and reflection.*

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God,  
**Father of all mercies,**  
we, thine unworthy servants,  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us, and to all men;  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all, for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we shew forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

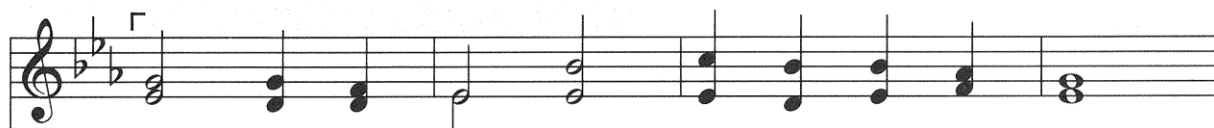
## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

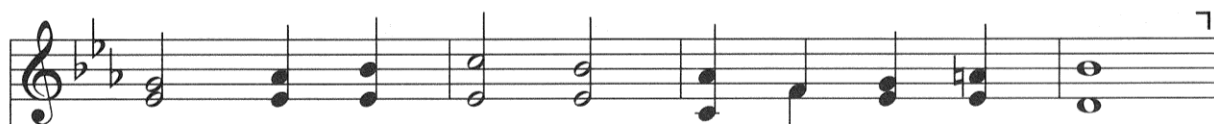
## THE GRACE

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

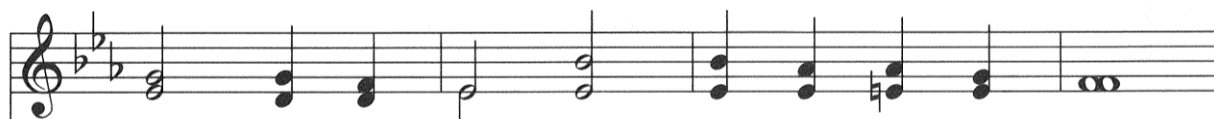
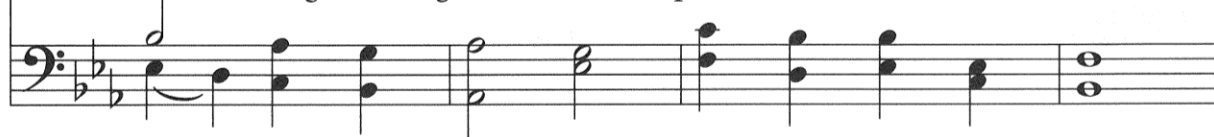
*During the hymn, a collection is taken. You may also donate online or using the tap machines at the north entrance.*



1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see:  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee:



Help of the help - less, O  
 O thou, who chang - est not,  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou  
 in life, in death, O Lord,

THE FINAL RESPONSE

*The Officiant dismisses the People, saying*

Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*  
 Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Praeludium in D* BuxWV 139 Dieterich Buxtehude (c.1637–1707)

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