

Choral Evensong

on Weekdays

Welcome to Portsmouth Cathedral and welcome to this service.

A pattern of daily prayer and worship has been offered here for more than 800 years. Thank you for taking part and helping us to hand on to future generations this tradition of reflection, praise and finding fresh focus in life. Details of the music being sung this evening can be found on the monthly music list.

There are suggestions for when to stand or sit, but please remain seated if easier for you.

PRECES *(stand as the Choir enters and sings the opening prayers.)*

Priest O Lord, open thou our lips

Choir and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Priest O God, make speed to save us

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Priest Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Priest Praise ye the Lord

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

WELCOME

PSALM

Please sit as the Choir sings the Psalm(s) appointed for the day. This can be found towards the back of the small green Prayer Book. Our practice is to stand for the Gloria ('Glory be to the Father...') after the (final) psalm.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

After the reading, a time of silence may be kept.

MAGNIFICAT

(Luke 1.46-55)

Stand as the Choir sings the Song of Mary.

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.

Sit.

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NUNC DIMITTIS

(Luke 2.29-32)

Stand as the Choir sings the Song of Simeon.

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

(All turn East to say the Creed.)

**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.**

All turn back.

RESPONSES

Priest The Lord be with you
Choir and with thy spirit.

Priest Let us pray. (*All kneel or sit.*)

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

Priest Our Father,
Choir 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.

Priest O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us
Choir and grant us thy salvation.

Priest O Lord, save the King
Choir and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest Endue thy ministers with righteousness
Choir and make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest O Lord, save thy people
Choir and bless thine inheritance.

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

Priest O God, make clean our hearts within us
Choir and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

The Collect for the Day (followed in Lent and Advent by an additional Collect).

The 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.

The 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.

ANTHEM (*The congregation sits.*)

INTERCESSIONS (*Kneel or sit*) ending with the Grace said together.

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

HYMN *from the green hymnbook New English Hymnal. (All stand.)*

Remain standing as the choir and clergy depart.

DISMISSAL (*sung by the Cathedral Choirs*)

Priest The Lord be with you

Choir and with thy spirit.

Priest The Lord give us his peace or Let us bless the Lord.

Choir and life eternal. Amen. Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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