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# Choral Evensong

Welcome to St Salvator's Chapel at the heart of this ancient learning community.

This service of Evensong is based on the monastic method of worship which has nourished the Church through most of Christian history. It is characterized by the corporate recitation and chanting of scripture and prayers in a meditative manner.

During the Reformation of the Church in these islands, two of the Latin monastic offices (Vespers and Compline) were combined into Evening Prayer, commonly known as Evensong. Although virtually unchanged since 1549, it remains a resonant part of the Church's sacrifice of prayer in the Episcopal Church of Scotland, throughout the worldwide Anglican Communion, and is used by many Christians of different church traditions.

As we make our offering of worship, you are invited to join in those parts of the service which are said together, and to offer your own prayer to God. As words and music combine and enrich each other, may our hearts and minds be drawn closer to the living God, to whose transcendent beauty and love our worship bears witness.

#### ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER

**PROCESSION** 

Please stand at the entrance of the Ministers

INTROIT

Sung by the Choir on Sundays

**VERSICLES & RESPONSES** 

Sung by the Cantor and Choir

O Lord, open thou our lips;

And our mouth shall shew 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.

Praise ye the Lord;

The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALMODY Sung by the Choir

Please sit for the Psalmody, standing for the Gloria

FIRST LESSON from the Old Testament

Please sit

MAGNIFICAT Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary, sung by the Choir Please sit, standing for the Gloria

y soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

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.

SECOND LESSON

from the New Testament

Please sit

**NUNC DIMITTIS** 

Song of Simeon, sung by the Choir

Please sit, standing for the Gloria

ord, 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.

Please turn and face east for the Creed

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Said by all who profess the Christian faith

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.

#### Please remain standing

**VERSICLES & RESPONSES** 

Sung by the Cantor & Choir

The Lord be with you; And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel

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

#### LORD'S PRAYER

UR 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.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us; And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King;

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.

Let us pray.

**COLLECTS** 

brief, formal prayers are sung by the Cantor & Choir

Proper Collect of the Day

#### for Peace

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.

### for Aid against all Perils

defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM Sung by the Choir

PRAYERS Please sit or kneel

After the hymn, please stand and turn to face the Altar for the blessing

BLESSING The Choir sings 'Amen'

**PROCESSION** 

Please remain standing until the Ministers have left

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