



THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST EVENSONG

JULY 25, 2021 + 5:30 P.M.

*Please sit only in pews where a cushion is present.
Keep your mask on at all times.*



ABOUT THE LITURGY OF EVENSONG

Evensong is a tiny fragment of something else; it is a part of the worship which is offered to God by Christian people every hour of the day and night, in every part of the world. This tradition comes down to us through the centuries in a form unique to the Anglican Communion.

When you come to Evensong, it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress – a conversation between God and his people which began long before you were born and will continue long after you are dead. So, do not be surprised or disturbed if there are some things which you do not understand straight away. For a brief moment, you step into the continual stream of worship which is being offered today and will be offered to the end of time. You are one with those who worship here on earth and in heaven.

Evensong is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in history and in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Its secondary purpose is to evoke from the worshipper a response of praise, penitence, prayer, and obedience. To this end, most of the service is sung by the choir. The people participate by reflecting on the parts of the service sung on their behalf, by joining in the portions that are said, and in some cases sung by them as well, and by standing, sitting, or kneeling at the appropriate times during the service.

As a part of maintaining this rich tradition, much of the English of the service is the language spoken and written by our ancestors more than four hundred years ago. It may sound old fashioned but its meaning is not out of date. The service is in three parts:

The first part, which is quite brief, prepares the worshipper for the story which is to follow. The second part is the story of God's redeeming love, beginning with the Old Testament (the psalms and the first reading), proceeding to the New Testament (the Magnificat or Song of Mary, the second reading, and the Nunc Dimittis or Song of Simeon), and reaching its climax in the affirmation of what Christians believe (the Creed). Finally, the third part is our prayerful response to God who has revealed himself in history, in Jesus Christ, and in the Church.

Today's liturgy is taken from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, Hymnal 1982, and other approved Episcopal resources.

VOLUNTARY *Von Gott will ich nicht lassen*

J. S. Bach

HYMN #236 King of the martyrs' noble band *Please stand.*

Jesu, nostra redemptio

OPENING SENTENCES

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON *After introduction, please kneel. Said by all.*

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 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 EVENING PRECES *Please stand, sung by choir.*

Richard Ayleward

Cantor: O Lord, open thou our lips;

Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor: 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.

Cantor: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's Name be praised.

PHOS HILARON #36 O gladsome light

Sung by all.

Le Cantique de Siméon

THE PSALTER

Please be seated.

Chant by C.H.H. Parry

(Psalm 84) O how amiable are thy dwellings thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house they will be alway praising thee. Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee in whose heart are thy ways. Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well and the pools are filled with water. They will go from strength to strength and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer hearken, O God of Jacob. Behold, O God our defender and look upon the face of thine Anointed. For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness. For the Lord God is a light and defence the

Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life. O Lord God of hosts blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

(Please stand.) 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 READING *Please be seated.*

2 Samuel 1:17-27

David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said: Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen! Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult. You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more. From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty. Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

THE MAGNIFICAT

Chant by Walford Davies

Please stand. Text of canticle is on page 65 of the Book of Common Prayer.

THE SECOND READING

Please be seated.

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Chant by John Naylor

Please stand. Text of canticle is on page 66 of the Book of Common Prayer.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *Sung by all, monotone.*

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

Richard Ayleward

Cantor: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Cantor: Let us pray. *Please kneel.*

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

Sung by all, monotone:

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

Cantor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor: O Lord, save the State.

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor: O Lord, save thy people.

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir: Because there is none other than fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Cantor: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE SUNG COLLECTS

ANTHEM "Prayer to Jesus" *Please be seated, sung by choir.*

George Oldroyd

*Jhesu, since Thou me made and bought,
Be Thou my love and all my thought,
And help that I may to Thee be brought,
Withouten Thee I may do nought.*

*Jhesu, since Thou must do Thy will,
And naething is that Thee may let,
With Thy grace my heart fulfill,
My love and my liking in Thee is set.*

*Jhesu, at Thy will I pray that I might be,
All my heart fulfill, with perfect love to Thee.
That I have done ill Jhesu, forgive Thou me,
And suffer never to spill* Jhesu for pity. Amen*
(Richard Rolle, 1300-1349) *spill = perish, be lost

THE SPOKEN COLLECTS *Please kneel.*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *Said by all.*

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 show 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 honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM *Said by all.*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GRACE

HYMN #241 Hearken to the anthem glorious *Please stand. Sung by all.*

Laus Deo

VOLUNTARY *Vater unser im Himmelreich*

J.S. Bach

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TONIGHT'S SERVERS:

Organist: Davis Cooke

Lector: Gary Thornburg

Officiant: Reg Boland

TODAY, WE ESPECIALLY PRAY FOR:

Those in crisis of health or circumstance: Kathleen Dunn, Mike Greene, Jason Growth, Brenda Forbis, Mary Jones, Andrea Misenheimer, Frank Montgomery, Mark Perry, Virginia Phillips, Nancy Stanback, Tammy Taylor

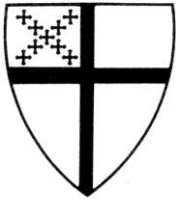
Those who are away at school: Nellie Brown, Aidan DeHaas, Heather Duncan, Caroline Forbis, Zach Huddleston, Mary Kaufmann, Walker Latimer, Abigail Lund, Cassandra Phoenix, Hans Roemer, Ellen Simons

Those with ongoing needs due to health, circumstance, or civic service: Dick Brownell, Patrick Carter, David Cline, Donna Gravely, Ellery, Emily Hain, David Hamaty, Betty Hedrick, Blair Joyner, David Kemp, Jason Koontz, Don Lyerly, Jane Maxwell, Nan Medley, Joanne Nichols, Jim Phillips, Nik Plumley, Ian Schulte, Oliver Scott, Dirk Steenwyk, Ruth Trollinger, Barbara Upright

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Candles in memory or honor of: Mary Linn Norvell, Edwin Overman Norvell, Lucile Proctor Norvell, Jane Overman Norvell

Altar Flowers in memory or honor of: Charles Collier, Jr., Charles Collier, Sr., Elizabeth Manning Collier, Thomas McNeal Doyle, Carol Collier Clement, Parker Beard, Mildred Patterson Beard, Alexander Patterson Beard, Patricia Arey Beard



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PARISH PRAYER

O God, in your abundant grace you sent your Son to be the light of the world: Grant that we may come and see the difference that Christ makes in each of us as we seek to become your beloved community; and as we gather in intentional worship, may we ever be reminded of your transformative love which is the foundation of our faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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