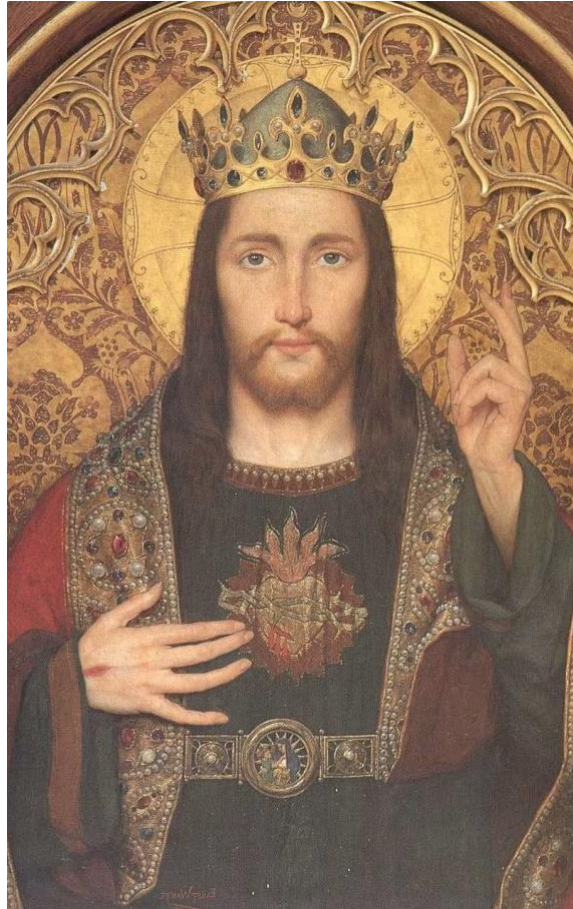


CHORAL EVENSONG

19 November 2025 7:00pm



St George's Cathedral, Kingston

Versicles & Responses: Rose
Setting: Evening Service in E, Murrill

Please stand, as you are able, as the Choir and Clergy enter the Cathedral.

Minister. O LORD, open thou our lips;
Choir. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Minister. O God, make speed to save us;
Choir. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Minister. 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.
Minister. Praise ye the Lord;
Choir. The Lord's Name be praised.

Please sit.

Psalm 97 *Dominus regnavit.*

THE LORD is King, the earth may be glad thereof; / yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.
2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: / righteousness and judgement are the foundation of his throne.
3 There goeth a fire before him, / and burneth up his enemies on every side.
4 HIS lightnings gave shine unto the world: / the earth saw it, and was afraid.
5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, / at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6 The heavens have declared his righteousness, / and all the peoples have seen his glory.
7 CONFOUNDED be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods: / worship him, all ye gods.
8 Sion heard of it and rejoiced, and the daughters of Judah were glad, / because of thy judgements, O LORD.
9 For thou, LORD, art the Most High over all the earth: / thou art exalted far above all gods.
10 O YE that love the LORD, see that ye hate the thing which is evil; / the LORD preserveth the souls of his saints; he
shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.
11 There is sprung up a light for the righteous, / and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.
12 Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; / and give thanks unto his holy Name.

The First Lesson is written in the book of Ecclesiastes, in the 4th chapter, starting at the first verse.

Again I saw all the oppressions that are practised under the sun. Look, the tears of the oppressed—with no one to comfort them! On the side of their oppressors there was power—with no one to comfort them. And I thought the dead, who have already died, more fortunate than the living, who are still alive; but better than both is the one who has not yet been, and has not seen the evil deeds that are done under the sun.

Then I saw that all toil and all skill in work come from one person's envy of another. This also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

Fools fold their hands
and consume their own flesh.
Better is a handful with quiet
than two handfuls with toil,
and a chasing after wind.

Again, I saw vanity under the sun: the case of solitary individuals, without sons or brothers; yet there is no end to all their toil, and their eyes are never satisfied with riches. 'For whom am I toiling', they ask, 'and depriving myself of pleasure?' This also is vanity and an unhappy business.

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Better is a poor but wise youth than an old but foolish king, who will no longer take advice. One can indeed come out of prison to reign, even though born poor in the kingdom. I saw all the living who, moving about under the sun, follow that youth who replaced the king; there was no end to all those people whom he led. Yet those who come later will not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

Here endeth the first lesson.

The Office Hymn *(please stand)*



As witnesses before us,
and those as yet to be,
we join the cloud of servants
in songs of victory:
O Lord of all the ages,
we give our thanks this day
and ask that you would guide us
along the living way.

2 As Mary, Blessed Virgin,
may we receive the Word
and bear it with thanksgiving
to those who haven't heard
that vain imaginations
unfurl by weight of pride
and those most meek and mourning
fore'er with Christ abide.

3 As George the ancient martyr,
give us the strength o'er fear
to stand on guard for mercy
though jaws of dragons leer.
And when we face temptation—
O gates of hell, allay!—
assist us, Lord, like St George,
to take the narrow way.

4 By paths of imitation,
O Lord, help us to grow.
Yet what of destination?
No mortal mind can know:
we live by hope, as ever,
as all the saints have run,
and pray that we'll be faithful
until the crown is won.

5 As witnesses before us,
we need not fear the night,
for here, beneath your shadow,
the darkness is as light:
enfold the Church in splendour,
embolden us with pow'r,
imbue us with your Spirit
until salvation's hour.

Ewing
Alexander Ewing 1830-95

The Rev'd Canon Giuseppe Gagliano b. 1988

Please remain standing

Magnificat. St Luke 1. 46

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.*

Please sit

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to John, in the 2nd chapter, beginning at the eighteenth verse.

The Jews then said to him, ‘What sign can you show us for doing this?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews then said, ‘This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

Here endeth the second lesson.

Please stand

Nunc Dimittis. St Luke 2.29.

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.*

Please remain standing

IBELIEVE 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.*

Minister: The Lord be with you;

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray.

Please kneel as you are able

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father which 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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Minister: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Minister: O Lord, save the King;

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

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister: O Lord, save thy people;

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

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

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Second Collect, 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 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 Third 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 sit.

The Anthem

God omnipotent reigneth, Clad in apparel bright;
Sov'ran King He remaineth, Girded about with might;
By him the world alone Immutably was grounded;
In heav'n hath He His throne, From everlasting founded.

Ocean billow and breaker Uplift the voice of pride;
But their mightier Maker Governeth wind and tide.
His laws and sure decree Of holiness are telling,
Which evermore shall be Sole inmate of His dwelling.
Amen.

Charles Wood 1866-1928

George Woodward, para. Psalm 93

The Prayers

Please kneel as you are able

O HEAVENLY Father, who in thy Son Jesus Christ hast given us a true faith and a sure hope: Help us, we pray thee, to live as those who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting; and strengthen this faith and hope in us all the days of our life; through the love of thy Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

BE mindful, O Lord, of thy people bowed before thee, and of those who are absent through age, sickness, or infirmity. Care for the infants, guide the young, support the aged, encourage the faint-hearted, collect the scattered, and bring the wandering to thy fold. Travel with the voyagers, defend the widows, shield the orphans, deliver the captives, heal the sick. Succour all who are in tribulation, necessity, or distress. Remember for good all those that love us, and those that hate us, and those that have desired us, unworthy as we are, to pray for them. And those whom we have forgotten, do thou, O Lord, remember. For thou art the Helper of the helpless, the Saviour of the lost, the Refuge of the wanderer, the Healer of the sick. Thou, who knowest each man's need, and hast heard his prayer, grant unto each according to thy merciful loving-kindness and thy eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer of Saint 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.

2 Corinthians 13:14.

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.*

Hymn *(please stand)*



Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth: [Refrain]

3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified: [Refrain]

Guiting Power
John Barnard b. 1948

4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love: [Refrain]

5 So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song: [Refrain]

Michael Saward b. 1932
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The Right Rev'd William Cliff, Bishop of Ontario
The Very Rev'd Douglas Michael, Dean of Ontario
Brad Barbeau, organist
Brian Jackson, conductor
The Cathedral Choir

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