

Evensong

The Benefice of the Uffington Group of Parishes



*“O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouths shall show forth thy praise”
Opening versicle and response; Evening Prayer, BCP 1662*

An order for Evening Prayer based on The Book of Common Prayer 1662



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St Faith of Aquitaine, Wilsthorpe

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone in church this evening.

Christians have worshipped in the churches in our group for more than 900 years and we extend a warm welcome to those visiting, those returning and the regular members of the congregation.

We are delighted that you have come to share in the tradition of Evensong based on the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 1662.

The heart of Evensong is the reading of Scripture. The service that surrounds it is intended to prepare us to hear God's word and to be able to respond to it with praise. Its traditional or archaic language may help us to put aside the pressures of our lives as we enter into a tradition that has sustained Christians in England since the 17th Century.

If you are new to this style of worship or unfamiliar with the language, then let us put you at ease. We have tried to include sufficient instructions to help you take part in the service, but if you'd rather sit and listen then you're very welcome to be still and let the music and words wash over you.

However you join in, we pray that you sense the presence and love of God.

If you are new then please introduce yourself to one of the team or the Minister leading the service.

While we wait for the service to begin, it may be helpful for us to sit in stillness and quiet to help us prepare our hearts and minds for this reflective service of Evening Prayer.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr Aran Beesley." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr Aran Beesley - Parish Priest
Rector of the Benefice of the Uffington Group

Order of Service for Evensong

*Please STAND as the Clergy proceed to their stall
(silence may be kept)*

The Minister welcomes the People

Opening Hymn (or Introit) may be sung

*Please remain STANDING as the Minister reads this or
another sentence of Scripture.*

Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

St Mathew 3. 2

The prayers of Penitence

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

Please kneel or sit, all saying together:

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 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 Minister stands and proclaims God's forgiveness in the words of 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.

All Amen.

All saying together: 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.**

All standing, said alternately by the Minister and people, if a choir is present they lead the responses:

O Lord, open thou our lips
All and our mouths shall shew forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us.
All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
**All as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be.
world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.
All The Lord's name be praised.

Psalmody

Please sit, a copy of the psalm set for the day is in the Pew Sheet. The officiant will announce how it is to be said.

As the psalm ends please say the Gloria Patri

**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 (*Please sit*)

The first lesson is taken from either the Old Testament or the Epistle

At the end the Reader will say 'Here endeth the First Lesson'

Gospel Cantic: The Magnificat

Please stand, all saying together, alternatively this may be replaced by a sung version of the Magnificat.

**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.**

Second Lesson (*Please sit*)

The Second lesson is taken from the Gospel set for the day

At the end the Reader will say 'Here endeth the Second lesson'

(Please stand)

A Festal Hymn may be sung

The Nunc dimittis (the song of Simeon) is said by all

**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

We face the Altar saying together.

**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.**

Prayers

The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. *(Please kneel or sit)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All saying together we pray:

**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 Minister stands – If a choir is present this responsorial is sung by the choir

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

All And grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save the Queen.

All And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

All And make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people.

All And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord.

**All Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, ○ God.**

○ God, make clean our hearts within us.

All And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Then shall The Minister say or intone the three Collects:

The Collect of the Day or the following is used

O God, for as much as without thee we are not able to please thee: Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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.

All 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.

All Amen.

Hymn (Please stand)

Sermon (Please remain standing until the Preacher invites everyone to be seated)

Intercession prayers may be offered here that conclude with the grace

**All 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.**

Offertory Hymn

Please stand, a collection will be taken during this hymn.

Please remain standing and bow your head for God's Blessing

The Blessing

All Amen.

Please remain standing as the Minister departs

You are invited to stay and sit quietly after the service

Thank you for joining in our service of Evensong

We hold services based on the Book of Common Prayer (BCP 1662) at 6pm at St Martin of Tours, Barholm-with-Stowe and St Lawrence of Rome, Tallington.

Holy Communion based on the Book of Common Prayer (BCP 1662) is held at 9am at St Thomas of Canterbury, Greatford

If you would prefer a more contemporary style of worship
Please speak to the Minister presiding at this service or Fr Aran
or visit the website

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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 to life everlasting.

Amen

Please talk to Fr Aran at

- Baptisms (for Babies, Children and Adults)
- Confirmation (Year 6 Children and Adults)
- Marriage services
- Confession (The Sacrament of Reconciliation) and Spiritual Direction
- Holy Communion (also known as The Eucharist, The Lord's Supper and The Mass) is available at many services across the Benefice in both traditional and more modern settings.
- Healing, Anointing or Funerals
- Any other question

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