



St. Mary's Church
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Evening
Prayer

Choral
Evensong

Welcome to St. Mary's

A community of *Christ's disciples*, faithful and enquiring.

A community of *love*, hospitable and nurturing;

A community of *difference*, inclusive and transforming.

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Please prepare to worship by doing three things:

Pray: ask God to bless us all in our worship today.

Greet: take a moment to say hello to those around you.

Give: UK taxpayers are invited to complete the Gift Aid envelopes in the pews.

Please stand at the entrance of the minister or priest.

Opening Hymn

The hymn will be announced.

Sentence of Scripture, Introduction & Confession

A sentence of Scripture is read.

Dearly beloved in the Lord, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. *[And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.]* Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

We kneel if we are able.

**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.**

If a lay person or deacon officiates:

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If a priest officiates:

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. **Amen.**

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.

Versicles & Responses

At Evening Prayer, these are said.

*At Choral Evensong, the **words in bold are sung by the choir alone.***

Minister/Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.
Answer And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
Minister/Cantor O God, make speed to save us.
Answer O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Please **stand** if you are able.*

Minister/Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Answer As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Minister/Cantor Praise ye the Lord.
Answer The Lord's Name be praised.

*Please **sit**.*

The Psalms

*At Evening Prayer, we say the psalms as directed by the officiating minister.
At Choral Evensong, the psalms are sung to Anglican Chant **by the choir alone.**
The Psalm(s) for the day are printed on your order of service.*

The Old Testament Lesson

A member of the congregation reads the Old Testament Lesson.

A period of silence is observed at the end of the Lesson.

*We **stand** if we are able.*

The First Canticle: The Magnificat

*At Evening Prayer, we say or sing the **Magnificat** to Anglican Chant,
using the pointing below.*

At Choral Evensong, the choir will sing the canticle to a choral setting.

My soul doth magni|fy the | Lord :
and my spirit hath re|joiced • in | God my | Saviour.

For he | hath re|garded :
the lowliness | of • his | hand|maiden .

For be|hold from | henceforth :
all gene|rations • shall | call me | bless-ed.

For he that is mighty hath | magni•fi-ed | me :
and | holy | is his | Name.

And his mercy is on | them that | fear him :
throughout | all | gene|rations.

He hath shew-ed strength | with his | arm :
he hath scatter-ed the proud in the imagi|nation | of their | hearts.

He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat :
and hath ex|alted • the | humble • and | meek.

He hath fill-ed the hungry with | good | things :
and the rich he hath | sent | empty • a|way.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his | servant | Israel :
as he promis-ed 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. | A - | men.

*Occasionally, the Canticle Cantate Domino replaces the Magnificat.
These can be found on page N.*

Please sit.

The New Testament Lesson

*A member of the congregation reads the New Testament Lesson.
A period of silence is observed at the end of the Lesson.*

The Second Canticle: The Nunc Dimittis

*At Evening Prayer, we say or sing the **Nunc Dimittis** to Anglican Chant,
using the pointing below.*

*At Choral Evensong, the choir will sing the canticle to a choral setting.
We **stand** if we are able.*

Lord now lettest thou thy servant de|part in | peace :
ac|cording | to thy | word.

For mine | eyes have | seen :
thy | - sal|va-|tion .

Which thou | hast pre|par-ed :
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. | A - | men.

*Occasionally, the Canticle Deus Misereatur replaces the Nunc Dimittis. See the appendix
at the back of the booklet.*

The Apostles' 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 Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The
Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

At Evening Prayer, these are said.

*At Choral Evensong, the **words in bold are sung by the choir alone.***

Minister/Cantor The Lord be with you.

Answer And with thy spirit.

Minister/Cantor Let us pray.

*We **kneel** if we are able.*

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, 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.

Minister/Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer And grant us thy salvation.

Minister/Cantor O Lord, save the Queen.

Answer And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister/Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister/Cantor O Lord, save thy people.

Answer And bless thine inheritance.

Minister/Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

Minister/Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The First Collect

The Collect of the Day is said or sung by the minister or a cantor.

*At Evening Prayer, when no choir is present, we say **Amen** at the end of the prayer.*

In Advent and Lent, the Collect of the Season follows.

The Second and Third Collects

At Evening Prayer, when no choir is present, we say these two prayers together.

*At Choral Evensong, **words in bold are sung by a cantor and choir alone.***

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.

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.

Anthem

At Choral Evensong, the choral Anthem is chosen to reflect the reading and season.

Sermon

The minister reflects on today's Scripture readings.

Hymn

The hymn will be announced.

Prayers of Intercession

At all services, the minister or priest leads us in prayers.

Final Hymn

*The final hymn will be announced.
The **Collection** is taken during this hymn.*

The Grace or a Blessing

When a priest is present, a blessing follows. Otherwise, we say together:

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.

The ministers and choir depart.

Organ Voluntary

It is our custom at St Mary's to remain seated to listen to the organ voluntary at the end of the service, even after the choir and ministers have left.

A Prayer at Day's Ending

Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.

Amen.

Appendix

Canticle: Cantate Domino

O sing unto the Lord a new song :
for he hath done marvellous things.
With his own right hand, and with his holy arm :
hath he gotten himself the victory.
The Lord declared his salvation :
his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel :
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands :
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
Praise the Lord upon the harp :
sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
With trumpets also and shawms :
O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.
Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is :
the round world, and they that dwell therein.
Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord :
for he cometh to judge the earth.
With righteousness shall he judge the world :
and the people with equity.

Glory be to the Father, etc...

Canticle: Deus Misereatur

God be merciful unto us, and bless us :
and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:
That thy way may be known upon earth :
thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise thee, O God :
yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and
govern the nations upon earth.
Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God, even our own God, shall give us
his blessing.
God shall bless us :
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Glory be to the Father, etc...

Additional Prayers Sometimes Used

A General Thanksgiving

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 shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves 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 honour and glory, world without end. **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.**

A Prayer for all Conditions of Men

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholick Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those, who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; [**especially those for whom our prayers are desired;*] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. **Amen.**

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