



GREAT ST BARTHOLOMEW



CHORAL MATTINS

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As the bell rings, please stand for the entrance of the choir and clergy.

On occasion, an introit may be sung by the choir.

THE INTRODUCTION

The minister reads a sentence of Scripture, and then:

Dearly beloved brethren, 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:

Please kneel

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.

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: **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.**

The choir sings THE PRECES

Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Response: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Minister: O God, make speed to save us.

Response: O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Minister: Praise ye the Lord.

Response: The Lord's Name be praised.

Please remain standing as the choir sing THE VENITE

O come, let us sing unto the Lord :
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving:
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth:
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down:
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God:
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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 for THE OFFICE HYMN

The hymn number is in the notice sheet, and the words in the blue book.

Please sit as the choir sings THE PSALMODY

Details are in the notice sheet, and the text(s) in the red Prayer Book.

Please stand at the end of the final psalm, as the choir sings:

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 for THE FIRST LESSON

Details are in the notice sheet.

Please stand as the choir sings THE TE DEUM

Or the Benedicite may be used (see below, p.7).

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud : the heavens, and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;
The Father : of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not abhor
the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst
open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom thou hast
redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

O all ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Waters that be above the Firmament, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Showers and Dew, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Winds of God, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Fire and Heat, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Winter and Summer, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Dews and Frosts, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Frost and Cold, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Ice and Snow, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Nights and Days, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Light and Darkness, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Lightnings and Clouds, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O let the Earth bless the Lord :
yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Mountains and Hills, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O all ye Green Things upon the Earth, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Wells, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Seas and Floods, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Whales, and all that move in the Waters, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O all ye Fowls of the Air, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O let Israel bless the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O Ananias, Azarias and Misael, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him 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 for THE SECOND LESSON

Details are in the notice sheet.

Please stand for THE BENEDICTUS

Luke 1.68-79

Alternatively, the Jubilate Deo may be used (see below, p.10)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :
in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets :
which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies :
and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers :
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham :
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies :
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him :
all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :
for the remission of their sins;
Through the tender mercy of our God :
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death :
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

or THE JUBILATE DEO

Psalm 100

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and
not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts
with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth
endureth from generation to generation.

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 the altar for THE APOSTLES' CREED

**All: 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.**

The choir sings THE RESPONSES

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Response: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please kneel or sit

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Response: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister: 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: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Response: And grant us thy salvation.

Minister: O Lord, save the *King*.

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

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Response: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister: O Lord, save thy people.

Response: And bless thine inheritance.

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

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

Response: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

*The Collect of the Day and the collects following are sung.
In Advent and Lent, additional collects may be used.*

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please sit as the choir sings THE ANTHEM

Details of the music are in the notice sheet.

Please kneel or sit for THE PRAYERS

Led by one of the clergy.

The intercessions may conclude with

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.

Please stand for THE SECOND HYMN

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Please sit for THE SERMON

Please stand for THE THIRD HYMN

The hymn number is in the notice sheet, and the words in the blue book.

During this hymn, a collection will be taken up.

Please sit for THE NOTICES

Any notices will be given by the clergy.

Please stand for THE BLESSING

This or another blessing may be used, according to the season or day.

Please remain standing as the choir and clergy leave the nave.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty ☩, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

Details of the music are in the notice sheet.

Please remain quiet during the Postlude as the organist has worked very hard to prepare this piece (details of which can be found in the notice sheet.).

SUNDAY SERVICES

0900 HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE LADY CHAPEL OF THE GREAT

This is a short service substantially following the Book of Common Prayer.

1000 FAMILY EUCHARIST IN ST BARTHOLOMEW THE LESS

Held on most Sundays of the year, this service is especially suitable for families with children. There is a short address, and hymns are sung. The entrance to The Less is just inside the main gate of the hospital opposite Smithfield Market.

1100 SOLEMN EUCHARIST IN ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT

This is the main service of the day: a traditional-language East-facing high mass with hymns and a full choral mass setting sung by our professional choir; we gather for wine or coffee after the service in one of London's oldest cloisters.

1700 CHORAL EVENSONG IN ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT

This service is from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer with readings from the Authorized Version of the Bible (the King James Version). The congregation sings the hymns. The choir sings the appointed Psalms, one of the great choral settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, and an anthem. Roughly once a month, Evensong ends with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A sermon is preached, except when there is Benediction or during the Summer break.

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