

EVENSONG & BENEDICTION



TRINITY SUNDAY
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EVENSONG

Please stand when the bells are rung. The Ministers enter as a hymn is sung.

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave:
thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

*Charles Wesley 1707-88
TIS 217(i)*

V. O Lord, open thou our lips. *Here it is customary to trace a cross on the lips.*
R. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

V. O ✠ God, make speed to save us. *Here it is customary to make the Sign of the Cross*
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist until the words ‘...Holy Ghost’

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

V. Praise ye the Lord.

R. The Lord’s name be praised.

The Officiant welcomes the congregation.

Please sit as we sing together the PSALM.

PSALM 33:1-9

REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous :

for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

Praise the Lord with harp :

sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto the Lord a new song :

sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

For the word of the Lord is true :

and all his works are faithful.

He loveth righteousness and judgement :

the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made:

and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap :

and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

Let all the earth fear the Lord :

stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

For he spake, and it was done :

he commanded, and it stood fast.

Here it is customary to bow until the words ‘...Holy Ghost’

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.

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

[8.32-9.10]

‘And now, my children, listen to me:

happy are those who keep my ways.

Hear instruction and be wise,

and do not neglect it.

Happy is the one who listens to me,

watching daily at my gates,

waiting beside my doors.

For whoever finds me finds life

and obtains favour from the Lord;

but those who miss me injure themselves;

all who hate me love death.’

Wisdom has built her house,

she has hewn her seven pillars.

She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,

she has also set her table.

She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls

from the highest places in the town,

‘You that are simple, turn in here!’

To those without sense she says,

‘Come, eat of my bread

and drink of the wine I have mixed.

Lay aside immaturity, and live,

and walk in the way of insight.’

Whoever corrects a scoffer wins abuse;

whoever rebukes the wicked gets hurt.

A scoffer who is rebuked will only hate you;

the wise, when rebuked, will love you.

Give instruction to the wise, and they will become wiser still;

teach the righteous and they will gain in learning.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,

and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Here endeth the first lesson.

Please stand to sing the MAGNIFICAT, the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SET B

W. KNYVETT. (from Handel)



MY ✕ soul doth | magnify the | Lord : *here it is customary to make the Sign of the Cross*
and my spirit hath re | joicèd 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 | blessèd.

For he that is mighty hath | magni•fièd | me :

And | holy | is his | Name.

And his mercy is on | them that | fear him :

Through | out all | gene | rations.

He hath shewèd | strength • with his | arm :

he hath scatterèd 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 fillèd the hungry with | good | things :

and the rich he | hath sent | empty a | way.

He re | membering his | mercy :

hath | holpen his | servant | Israel.

As he promisèd | to our | fore•fathers :

Abraham | and his | seed for | ever.

Here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist until the words '...Holy Ghost'

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.

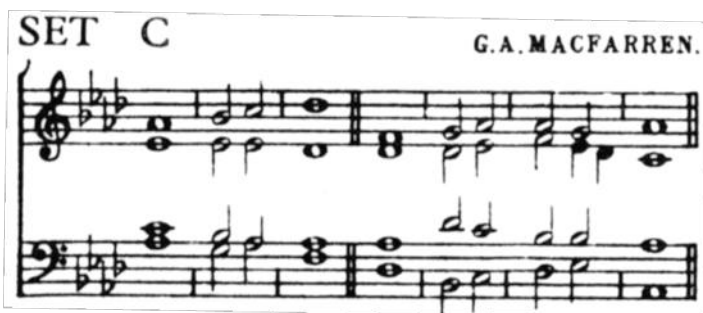
Please sit for the SECOND LESSON from the New Testament.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Here endeth the second lesson.

Please stand to sing NUNC DIMITTIS, the Song of Simeon



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

For mine eyes have | seen thy sal | vation :
which thou hast preparèd before the | face of | all | people.

To be a light to | lighten the | Gentiles :
and to be the | glory • of thy | people | Israel.

Here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist until the words '...Holy Ghost'

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.

Upon Trinity Sunday, shall be said, instead of the Apostles' Creed, this Confession of our Christian Faith, commonly called the Creed of Saint Athanasius, by the Minister and people standing.

WHOSOEVER will be saved:

before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholick Faith.

Which Faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled:

without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

And the Catholick Faith is this:

That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity;

Neither confounding the Persons:

nor dividing the Substance.

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son:

and another of the Holy Ghost.

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all

one: the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son:

and such is the Holy Ghost.

The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate:

and the Holy Ghost uncreate.

The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible:

and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible.

The Father eternal, the Son eternal:

and the Holy Ghost eternal.

And yet they are not three eternals:

but one eternal.

As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated:

but one uncreated, and one incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty:

and the Holy Ghost Almighty.

And yet they are not three Almighties:

but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God:

and the Holy Ghost is God.

And yet they are not three Gods:

but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord:

and the Holy Ghost Lord.

And yet not three Lords:
but one Lord.

For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity:
to acknowledge every Person by himself to be God and Lord;

So are we forbidden by the Catholick Religion:
to say there be three Gods, or three Lords.

The Father is made of none:
neither created, nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone:
not made, nor created, but begotten.

The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son:
neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons:
one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity none is afore, or after other:
none is greater, or less than another;

But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together:
and co-equal.

So that in all things, as is aforesaid:
the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

He therefore that will be saved:
must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore it is necessary to everlasting salvation:
that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right Faith is that we believe and confess:
that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;
God, of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds:
and Man, of the Substance of his Mother, born in the world;

Perfect God, and Perfect Man:
of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting;

Equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead:
and inferior to the Father, as touching his Manhood.

Who although he be God and Man:
yet he is not two, but one Christ;

One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh:
but by taking of the Manhood into God;

One altogether, not by confusion of Substance:
but by unity of Person.

For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man:

so God and Man is one Christ.

Who suffered for our salvation:

descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, he sitteth on the right hand of the Father,
God Almighty:

from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies:

and shall give account for their own works.

And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting:

and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

This is the Catholick Faith:

which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.

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 VERSICLES AND RESPONSES are sung.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

All kneel or sit

V. Let us pray.

V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Christ, have mercy upon us.

V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The LORD'S PRAYER is sung

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.

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

R. **And grant us thy salvation.**

V. O Lord, save the King.

R. **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

V. O Lord, save thy people.

R. **And bless thine inheritance.**

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Officiant sings the COLLECTS: the first of the day, the second for Peace, the third for Aid against all Perils

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee, that thou wouldst keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

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 for the MUSICAL REFLECTION

Please stand to sing the hymn as the Blessed Sacrament is placed upon the altar

1. Sweet sacrament divine,
hid in thy earthly home,
lo, round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise,
in songs of love and heartfelt praise,
sweet sacrament divine,
sweet sacrament divine.

2. Sweet sacrament of peace,
dear home of ev'ry heart,
where restless yearnings cease,
and sorrows all depart,
there in thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery,
sweet sacrament of peace,
sweet sacrament of peace.

3. Sweet sacrament of rest,
Ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest raves;
save, lest we sink beneath the waves,
sweet sacrament of rest,
sweet sacrament of rest.

4. Sweet sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
thy Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,
that earthly joys may fade away,
sweet sacrament divine,
sweet sacrament divine.

BENEDICTION

It is customary to kneel throughout the rite of Benediction, kneelers are provided for this purpose in the front row of chairs in the chapel. However those unable to kneel may remain seated.

This hymn is sung kneeling as the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and honoured with incense

**5. O saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below;
Our foes press hard on every side,
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.**

**6. All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end,
In our true native land with thee. Amen.**

*St Thomas Aquinas 1227-74
tr. J. M. Neale 1818-66
NEH 269 (ii)*

A LITANY or prayers are offered, concluding with the following response repeated three times

**Blessed, praised and hallowed be Jesus Christ upon His Throne of Glory
and in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.**

The priest and people sing together as the Blessed Sacrament is honoured with incense

**5. Therefore we, before him bending,
This great sacrament revere:
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.**

**6. Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;**

**Ever too his love confessing,
Who, from both, with both, is one. Amen.**

*St Thomas Aquinas 1227-74
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NEH 268*

V. Thou gavest them bread from heaven.
R. Containing in itself all sweetness.

Let us pray.

O God, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left us a memorial of thy passion; grant us, so to worship the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption: who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

Then BENEDICTION is given with the Blessed Sacrament. Bow down in profound adoration while the Priest gives Benediction. Make the sign of the Cross, and ask for your Saviour's blessing on yourself and on the whole Church. While the bell rings, say in your heart:

Blessed and praised every moment be the Most Holy and Divine Sacrament.

The priest then says, with the people repeating, the DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Blessed be the Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be the Name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

The following is sung

Let us adore for ever the Most Holy Sacrament.

Psalm 117

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye heathen :

praise him, all ye nations.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us :

and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

Here it is customary to bow until the words ‘...Holy Ghost’

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.

Let us adore for ever the Most Holy Sacrament.

The organist plays the POSTLUDE

Please join us for cheese and wine after the service

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THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 6PM



**A SERVICE OF SONG AND SCRIPTURE, PRAYER AND
BLESSING BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

SAINT JOHN'S



FINCH STREET

MIDWINTER COOPLINE

Sunday 22 June 2025 - 8PM

A monastic and ethereal service
of 'completion' at the end of the
day, sung by the Parish Choir
to mark the Midwinter

Featuring

Phos Hilaron by Owain Park

In Manus Tuas by Thomas Tallis

Te Lucis Ante Terminum by Thomas Tallis

Salve Regina by Franz Liszt

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