

EVENSONG & BENEDICTION



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EVENSONG

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

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.’
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.’
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.’
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.

*Horatius Bonar 1808-89 alt
TIS 585*

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 86:4-13

Comfort the soul of thy servant :

for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good and gracious :

and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer :

and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee :

for thou hearest me.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord :

there is not one that can do as thou doest.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship thee, O Lord :

and shall glorify thy Name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things :

thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth :

O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name.

I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart :

and will praise thy Name for evermore.

For great is thy mercy toward me :

and thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.

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.

Remain seated for the FIRST LESSON from the Old Testament.

A reading from the Book of Genesis

[29:1-14]

Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the people of the east. As he looked, he saw a well in the field and three flocks of sheep lying there beside it; for out of that well the flocks were watered. The stone on the well's mouth was large, and when all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the mouth of the well, and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place on the mouth of the well.

Jacob said to them, 'My brothers, where do you come from?' They said, 'We are from Haran.' He said to them, 'Do you know Laban son of Nahor?' They said, 'We do.' He said to them, 'Is it well with him?' 'Yes,' they replied, 'and here is his daughter Rachel, coming with the sheep.' He said, 'Look, it is still broad daylight; it is not time for the animals to be gathered together. Water the sheep, and go, pasture them.' But they said, 'We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together, and the stone is rolled from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep.'

While he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep; for she kept them. Now when Jacob saw Rachel, the daughter of his mother's brother Laban, and the sheep of his mother's brother Laban, Jacob went up and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of his mother's brother Laban. Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and wept aloud. And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's kinsman, and that he was Rebekah's son; and she ran and told her father.

When Laban heard the news about his sister's son Jacob, he ran to meet him; he embraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house. Jacob told Laban all these things, and Laban said to him, 'Surely you are my bone and my flesh!' And he stayed with him for a month.

Here endeth the first lesson.

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



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.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

[9.30-10.4]

What then are we to say? Gentiles, who did not strive for righteousness, have attained it, that is, righteousness through faith; but Israel, who did strive for the righteousness that is based on the law, did not succeed in

fulfilling that law. Why not? Because they did not strive for it on the basis of faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling-stone, as it is written,

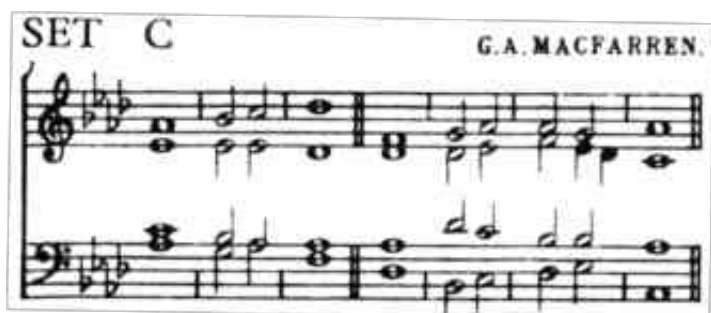
‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone that will make people stumble, a rock that will make them fall,

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God’s righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

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.

The APOSTLES’ CREED is said as all face the window of ‘Christ the Light of the World’

I BELIEVE in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in *here it is customary to make a slight bow* 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 ☩ *here it is customary to make the Sign of the Cross* of the body, and the life everlasting. 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, and the third for Aid against all Perils

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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;
Jesu, 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 for every 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
the Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,
that earthly joys may fade away,
Sweet Sacrament divine,
Sweet Sacrament divine.

*Francis Stanfield 1835-1914
New English Hymnal 307*

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

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.

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 2

A LITANY or prayers are offered

Lord Jesus, we thank you for calling us into your kingdom of love; help us to live lives pleasing to you, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in our knowledge of your heavenly Father. Hear us as we pray in your name:

Lord, keep us in your love.

Quicken the yearning for holiness in the heart of your Church
and in the daily life of the faithful:

Lord, keep us in your love.

Confound complacency and self-righteousness within us,
that what is divided may become one in you.

Lord, keep us in your love.

Refresh our awareness of the earth's fruitfulness and the shared humanity of all peoples, that we may live in the world as you intend.

Lord, keep us in your love.

Strengthen our willingness to generosity in sacrifice,
that the poor and sick may find hope.

Lord, keep us in your love.

Break the hold of ignorance and falsehood,
that life in its fulness may abound for all.

Lord, keep us in your love.

Heal our wounds and care for us when we fail, that we may inherit eternal life.

Lord, keep us in your love.

Lord, grant that, where the tasks of this day are incomplete and its hopes unfulfilled, you will be with us to help us overcome our weakness and fulfil our yearning for your peace.

Silence

The LITANY concludes 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
tr. J. M. Neale 1818-66
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 each line, the DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

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Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

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Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

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

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

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

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Blessed be the Mother of God, Mary most holy.

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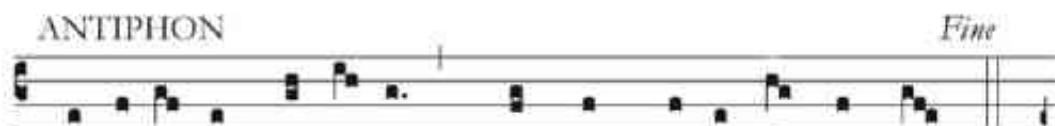
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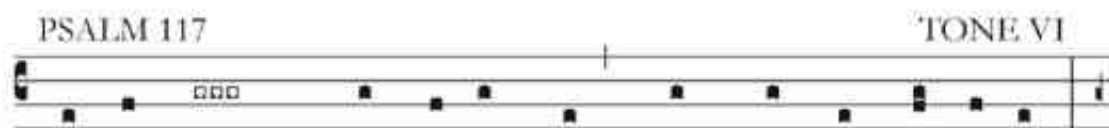
Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

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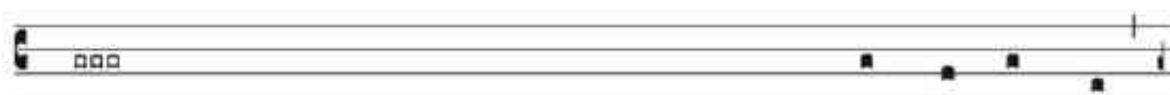
The following is sung



Let us a-dore for e-ver * the most ho-ly sac-ra-ment.



O praise the Lord, all ye hea-then: praise him, all ye na-tions.



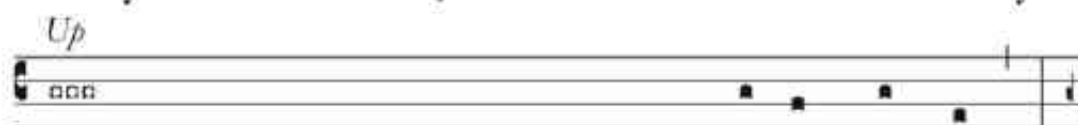
For his merciful kindness is ever more and more to-wards us:



and the truth of the Lord endureth for ev-er. Praise the Lord.



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be:



world with-out end. A-men. Let us a-dore...

The organist plays the POSTLUDE

Please join us for cheese and wine after the service



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