

# CHORAL EVENSONG

23 April 2021  
St George's Day

7:00pm



St. George's Cathedral, Kingston

# THE ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER

Beginning on page 21 of the Book of Common Prayer

## God Save the Queen

*Minister.* O LORD, open thou our lips;

*People.* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Minister.* O God, make speed to save us;

*People.* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say:*

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

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

*Minister.* Praise ye the Lord;

*People.* The Lord's Name be praised.

## PSALM 150 *Laudate Dominum*

O PRAISE God in his holiness : praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him in his noble acts : praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him in the sound of the trumpet : praise him upon the lute and harp.

4 Praise him in the cymbals and dances : praise him upon the strings and pipe.

5 Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise him upon the loud cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath : praise the Lord.

The First Lesson is written in the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians, the sixth chapter, beginning at the tenth verse.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take

the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

**THE OFFICE HYMN:**

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:  
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

2 And there's another country I've heard of long ago,  
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

*Thaxted*  
Gustav Holst 1874-1934

Cecil Spring-Rice 1859-1918

Magnificat. St Luke 1. 46.

**M**Y 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 showed 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.*

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to St Mark, the eighth chapter, beginning at the thirty-fourth verse.

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Nunc Dimittis. St Luke 2.29.

**L**ORD, 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.

*Then shall be said or sung the Confession of the Faith, called 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 Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*And after the Creed these prayers following, all devoutly kneeling, the Minister first pronouncing:*

The Lord be with you;  
*People.* And with thy spirit.  
*Minister.* Let us pray.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**O**UR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on 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.*

*Then the Priest standing up shall say:*

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
*People:* And grant us thy salvation.  
*Priest:* O Lord, save the Queen;  
*People:* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
*Priest:* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;  
*People:* And make thy chosen people joyful.  
*Priest:* O Lord, save thy people;  
*People:* And bless thine inheritance.  
*Priest:* Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
*People:* And evermore mightily defend us.  
*Priest:* O God, make clean our hearts within us;  
*People:* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

**E**xtolling thy might, O Lord, we humbly implore thee, that, as Saint George imitated the Passion of the Lord, so that he lendeth us his ready help in our

weakness. Through our Saviour Jesus Christ, thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*The Second 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 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.*

*The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils.*

**L**IGHTEN 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.*

**THE ANTHEM:**

O how amiable are thy dwellings thou Lord of hosts  
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter in to the courts of the Lord  
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God  
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house  
And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young  
Even thy altars O Lord of hosts, my king and my God  
Bessed are they that dwell in thy house  
They will be alway praising thee  
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us  
Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us  
O prosper thou our handy work, o prosper thou our handywork.  
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home

R. Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

Psalm LXXXIV ; Psalm XC

**HYMN:**

And did those feet in ancient time  
walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God

on England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
among these dark satanic mills?

2 Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight,  
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
till we have built Jerusalem  
in England's green and pleasant land.

*Jerusalem*

C. H. H. Parry 1848-1918

William Blake 1757-1827

**O** GOD the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful: Sanctify this parish by thine abiding presence. Bless those who minister in holy things. Enlighten the minds of thy people more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel. Bringing souls to the knowledge of God our Saviour; and those who are walking in the way of life, keep steadfast unto the end. Give patience to the sick and afflicted, and renew them in body and soul. Guard from forgetfulness of thee those who are strong and prosperous. Increase in us thy manifold gifts of grace, and make us all to be fruitful in good works; O blessed Spirit, whom with the Father and the Son together we worship and glorify, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**E**TERNAL God, who rulest in the kingdoms of men: Grant, we most humbly beseech thee, honour and safety to our Sovereign Lady, Queen ELIZABETH; peace throughout the Commonwealth of her peoples; promotion of true religion; encouragement to learning and godly living; a patient service to the concord of the world; and, by all these, glory to thy holy Name; for his sake to

whom thou hast given all power in heaven and earth, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen*

**O** LORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.*

**A**LMIGHTY 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.*

*2 Corinthians 13:14.*

**T**HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*



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