

Hymn *(please stand)*



Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can, O death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia.

2 Jesus lives! henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal:
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia.

3 Jesus lives! for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia.

St Albinus
H. J. Gauntlett 1805-76

4 Jesus lives! our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever;
life nor death nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia.

5 Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia.

C. F. Gellert 1715-69
tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox 1812-97

Please remain standing for the recession.

Postlude: *Toccata and Fugue, Op. 59/5-6*, Max Reger

The Right Rev'd William Cliff, Bishop of Ontario
Caelis Academy Ensemble, Matthew Larkin, Director
Nathan Jeffery, Organist
Wayne Tindall, Trumpet

The Cathedral Church of St George
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CHORAL EVENSONG

8 November 2025 3:00pm



In the Octave of All Souls



St George's Cathedral, Kingston

Versicles & Responses: Bernard Rose 1916-96
Setting: The Second Service, Kenneth Leighton 1929-88
Prelude: Cortège et Litanie, Marcel Dupre

Please stand, as you are able, as the Choir and Clergy enter the Cathedral.

The Introit

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever the earth and the world were made,
Thou art God from everlasting and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction;
again Thou sayest, “Come again ye children of men.”
For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday,
seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as Thou scatterest them They are even as a sleep
and fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and groweth up,
but in the evening it is cut down, dried up and withered.

For we consume away in Thy displeasure,
and are afraid at Thy wrathful indignation.
For when Thou art angry all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end as a tale that is told.

Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

The years of our age are three score years and ten
and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years,
yet is their strength but labour and sorrow.
So soon passeth it away and we are gone.

Turn Thee again, O Lord, at the last.
Be gracious unto Thy servants.
O satisfy us with Thy mercy and that soon
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever the earth and the world were made,
Thou art God from everlasting and world without end.

And the glorious Majesty of the Lord be upon us.
Prosper Thou, O prosper Thou the work of our hands,
O prosper Thou our handy work.

Psalm 90
The Book of Common Prayer

Minister: O LORD, open thou our lips;
Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister: O God, make speed to save us;
Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.
Praise ye the Lord;
Please sit.

Psalm 121 *Domine, refugium*

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.
2 My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.
3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.

The Prayers

Please kneel as you are able

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who hast opened unto us the gate of everlasting life, and art the peace and light of those who rest in thee: In company with thy holy Apostles, Prophets, and Martyrs, and with all the faithful departed, we praise and glorify thee for the fulness of joy which thou givest to all who put their trust in thee; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reingest, one God, world without end. *Amen*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, we remember before thee all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of thy Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O HEAVENLY Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that in thanksgiving, and rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *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.*

2 Corinthians 13:14.

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.*

OUR Father which 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.*

Minister: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Minister: O Lord, save the King;

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

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister: O Lord, save thy people;

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

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

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

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

MOST merciful Father, who hast been pleased to take unto thyself our brethren departed: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that having served thee faithfully in this world, we may, with all faithful Christian souls, be joined hereafter to the company of thy blessed Saints in glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Second Collect, for Peace.

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.

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.

The Anthem

O how glorious is the kingdom wherein all
the saints rejoice in Christ; clothed in white
robes they follow the Lamb withersoever he goeth

7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

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 First Lesson is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah in the 38th chapter beginning of the tenth verse.

I said: In the noontide of my days I must depart;

I am consigned to the gates of Sheol for the rest of my years.

I said, I shall not see the LORD in the land of the living;

I shall look upon mortals no more among the inhabitants of the world.

My dwelling is plucked up and removed from me like a shepherd’s tent;

like a weaver I have rolled up my life; he cuts me off from the loom;

from day to night you bring me to an end; I cry for help until morning;

like a lion he breaks all my bones; from day to night you bring me to an end.

Like a swallow or a crane I clamour, I moan like a dove.

My eyes are weary with looking upwards. O Lord, I am oppressed; be my security!

But what can I say? For he has spoken to me, and he himself has done it.

All my sleep has fled because of the bitterness of my soul.

O Lord, by these things people live, and in all these is the life of my spirit.

O restore me to health and make me live!

Surely it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness;

but you have held back my life from the pit of destruction,

for you have cast all my sins behind your back.

For Sheol cannot thank you, death cannot praise you;

those who go down to the Pit cannot hope for your faithfulness.

The living, the living, they thank you, as I do this day;

fathers make known to children your faithfulness.

The LORD will save me, and we will sing to stringed instruments

all the days of our lives, at the house of the LORD.

Here endeth the first lesson.

The Office Hymn *(please stand)*



O THOU not made with hands, Not throned above the skies, Nor walled with shining walls, Nor framed with stones of price, More bright than gold or gem, God's own Jerusalem!	4 Where in life's common ways With cheerful feet we go; Where in his steps we tread, Who trod the way of woe; Where he is in the heart, City of God, thou art.
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2 Where'er the gentle heart Finds courage from above; Where'er the heart forsook Warms with the breath of love; Where faith bids fear depart, City of God, thou art.	5 Not throned above the skies, Nor golden-walled afar, But where Christ's two or three In his name gathered are, Be in the midst of them, God's own Jerusalem.
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3 Thou art where'er the proud
In humbleness melts down;
Where self itself yields up;
Where martyrs win their crown;
Where faithful souls possess
Themselves in perfect peace;

<i>Old 120th</i> Melody Thomas Este's <i>Psalter</i> 1592	Francis Turner Palgrave 1824-97
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Please remain standing

Magnificat. St Luke 1. 46

MY 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.*

Please sit

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to John, in the 5th chapter, beginning at the twenty-fourth verse.

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.

‘Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Here endeth the second lesson.

Please stand

Nunc Dimittis. St Luke 2.29.

LORD, 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.*

Please remain standing

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.*

Minister: The Lord be with you;

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray.

Please kneel as you are able

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.