

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

## CHORAL EVENSONG



*St. Paul's Cathedral*  
LONDON | CANADA



## Order of Service for the Office of

# Choral Evensong

The choir sings **The Introit** by Sarah Quartel b. 1982 Lyrics A.K.K.S.T.

Yahweh, the Eternal Flame,  
Breathe, breathe through my clay,  
Your whisper births the dawn of new day.

In sacred stillness, shape my soul anew -  
I am dust of clay, embraced by your eternal love,  
my soul smiles in You

*The minister reads the sentence:*

The LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

*Habakkuk 2. 20.*

The choir sings **The Preces**

**William Smith (1603-1645)**

O Lord, open thou our lips;  
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
O God, make speed to save us;  
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.  
Praise ye the Lord;  
The Lord's Name be praised.

**Please sit** as the choir sings **Psalm 46**

1 GOD is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be changed, and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell, and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

4 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

5 THERE is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be moved; God shall help her, and that right early.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved; but God uttereth his voice, and the earth doth melt away.

8 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

9 O COME hither, and behold the works of the LORD, what wonders he hath wrought upon the earth.

10 He maketh wars to cease in all the world; he breaketh the bow, and snappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

11 Be still then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.

12 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Please stand** for the Gloria Patri

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:** Habakkuk - Chapter 1 Verses 1-4, 12-2:1

**Please stand** as The choir sing **The Magnificat**

to the Service in C by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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** for **The Second Lesson:** Luke Chapter 16 Verses 1 - 13

**Please stand** as the choir sing **The Nunc Dimittis**  
*to the Service in C by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

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 stay standing** as we all say **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.**

**Please sit or kneel** as the choir sing **The Responses**

The Lord be with you;  
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR 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.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King;  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;  
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people;  
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
because there is none other that fighteth  
for us, but only Thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us;  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

There is sung the **Collect for the Day**

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**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.**

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** as the choir sing **The Anthem** by Henry Balfour-Gardiner (c.1877-1950)

**Evening Hymn**

Te lucis ante terminum,  
Rerum Creator poscimus,  
Ut solita clementia  
Sis præsul ad custodiam.

*Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That with thy wonted favor, Thou  
Would'st be our guard and keeper now.*

Procul recedant somnia,  
Et noctium phantasmata;  
Hostemque nostrum comprime,  
Ne polluantur corpora.

*From all ill dreams defend our eyes,  
From nightly fears and fantasies;  
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,  
That no pollution we may know.*

Præsta, Pater omnipotens,  
Per Iesum Christum Dominum,  
Qui tecum in perpetuum  
Regnat cum Sancto Spiritu. Amen.

*O Father, that we ask be done,  
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son;  
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,  
Shall live and reign eternally. Amen.*

**Please sit** for **The Intercessions**

## **We stand** for **The Hymn** The Day Thou Gavest

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1. The day\_\_\_\_ thou gav - est, Lord,\_\_\_\_ is end - ed;  
5 the dark - ness falls\_\_\_\_ at thy be - hest,  
10 To thee\_\_\_\_ our morn - ing hymns\_\_\_\_ as - cen - ded;  
15 thy praise\_\_\_\_ shall sanc - ti - fy\_\_\_\_ our rest.

2. We thank thee that thy church unsleeping,  
while earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping,  
and rests not now by day or night.
3. As o'er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.
4. The sun that bids us rest is waking  
thy faithful 'neath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
thy wondrous doings heard on high.
5. So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,  
like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
thy kingdom stands and grows forever,  
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

**Please remain standing** for **The Blessing**

Organ Postlude:

Fuga (from Sonata Solemnis)

Frantisek Musil (1852-1908)



Clergy – Deacon Pat Henderson

Director of Music – Laurence Williams

Organist – Michael Bloss

*Thank you to all of our wonderful singers from across London and the Diocese.*

**Lunchtime Live!** Tuesdays at 12:15 PM.

This series offers a weekly dose of musical inspiration, featuring a diverse lineup of organists, instrumentalists, and vocalists. The series concludes on November 25th.

As well as free entry, a complimentary lunch will be provided. Feel free to enjoy your meal with us or take it with you. Please invite your friends.

Experience the majesty of live music and enjoy a free lunch every Tuesday!

**Advent Carol Service November 30th @ 4pm**

Celebrate the emergence of light and its universal message of hope at this service of readings and carols.

Our choir will deliver an exquisite selection of music, from soaring hymns to intricate choral arrangements.