



ST. JUDE'S CHURCH, OAKVILLE

Choral Evensong

Sunday, September 20, 2026 | 4 PM

Memorial Garden Evensong

Evensong is based on the medieval monastic offices of the church. The Book of Common Prayer combined the multiple hours of observance for the medieval monks into two: matins and evensong, and at its simplest level is an offering of prayer and worship at the passing of another day.

The people's responses are given in **bold**.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude on "Tallis' Canon"

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Please stand as the choir and ministers enter the church from the west door.

INTROIT

O Salutaris Hostia

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

O salutaris hostia
Quae caeli pandis ostium:
Bella permunt hostilia,
Da robur, der auxiliim.

Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria Amen.

*O saving victim
who opens the gate of heaven:
oppressive war threatens,
give strength, bring help.
To the Lord, three and one,
be eternal glory,
who shall give to us life without end
in his land. Amen.*

GATHERING HYMN

Abide With Me EVENTIDE

CP 24

Please find this hymn on the final page of this leaflet.

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE *John 11. 25, 26*

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray.

The people may kneel to pray.

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRECES AND RESPONSES

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.

The people may 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.

The people may be seated.

THE PSALM *Psalm 116. 1-8* Dilexi, quoniam.

The Psalms form the ancient songbook of God's people. Jesus prayed the Psalms. These songs cover every mood and experience of humanities relationship with God and one another.

¹ MY delight is in the LORD, / because he hath heard the voice of my prayer;

² Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, / therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

³ The cords of death compassed me round about, / and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

⁴ I found trouble and heaviness, and I called upon the Name of the LORD: / 'O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.'

⁵ GRACIOUS is the LORD, and righteous; / yea, our God is merciful.

⁶ The LORD preserveth the simple: / I was in misery and he helped me.

⁷ Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul; / for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

⁸ For thou hast delivered my soul from death, / mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

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 READING *Wisdom 3. 1-9*

Kevin Coleman

This evening's First Reading is a famous biblical passage from the deuterocanonical Book of Wisdom (also called the Wisdom of Solomon) that offers profound comfort by declaring that the souls of the righteous are safe in God's hands and that death does not have the final word.

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand
of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were
punished,

their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive
great good,

because God tested them and found them worthy

of himself;

like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted
them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

¶Here ends the First Lesson.

CANTICLE *Magnificat (The Song of Mary, Luke 1. 46)*

The people may stand as the choir sings.

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.

'Magnificat', Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B flat, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).

The people may be seated

THE SECOND LESSON *John 6. 37-40*

Kevin Coleman

Our Second Reading is a core passage where Jesus promises that anyone who comes to him will never be rejected and will receive eternal life.

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,

but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

¶Here ends the Second Lesson.

CANTICLE *Nunc Dimittis (The Song of Simeon, Luke 2. 29)*

The people may stand as the choir sings.

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.

'Nunc Dimittis', Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B flat, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).

The people may remain standing.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

The Affirmation of Faith typically takes the form of one of the ancient creeds of the Church. The word 'creed' comes from the Latin 'credo,' translated as, 'I believe.'

Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE LESSER LITANY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The people may kneel or be seated.

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 today 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, shew 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.

And evermore mightily defend us.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Preces and Responses: Feria.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them, and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in

them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE 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 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.**

ANTHEM

Cantique de Jean Raciné

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence:
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.

*Word of the Highest, our only hope,
Eternal day of earth and the heavens,
We break the silence of the peaceful night;
Saviour Divine, cast your eyes upon us!*

Répands sur nous le feu de Ta grâce puissante;
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de Ta voix;
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de Tes lois!

*Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace,
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,
That brings forgetfulness of your laws!*

Ô Christ! sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle,
Pour Te bénir maintenant rassemblé;
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à Ta gloire immortelle,
Et de Tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.

*O Christ, look with favour upon your faithful people
Now gathered here to praise you;
Receive their hymns offered to your immortal glory;
May they go forth filled with your gifts.*

HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

CP 528



1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2. un - der the shad - ow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived its frame,
4. A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone,
5. Time like an ev - er roll - ing stream bears all our years a - way;
6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fence is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
they fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies as the op - ening day.
be thou our guard while troub - les last, and our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Ps. 90; para. Isaac Watts (1674-1749), alt. Music: William Croft (1678-1727).

PRAYERS

The people may kneel or be seated. Prayers are offered ending with a General Thanksgiving and the Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies,
We thine servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people; we bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN'

The people are invited to follow the choir and ministers to the Memorial Garden where is service will conclude.

Jerusalem the Golden EWING

CP 278



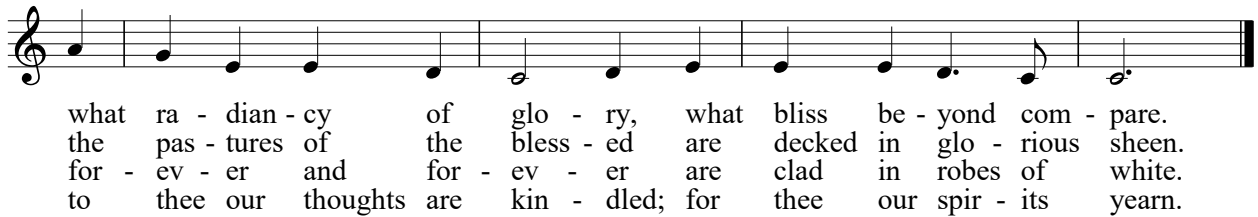
1. Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blessed,
2. They stand, those halls of Si - on, all ju - bi - lant with song,
3. There is the throne of Da - vid, and there, from care re - leased,
4. O sweet and bles - sed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect;



be - neath thy con - tem - pla - tion sink heart and voice op - ressed.
and bright with ma - ny an an - gel and all the mar - tyr throng.
the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast;
O dear and fu - ture vi - sion, that ea - ger hearts ex - pect:



I know not, O I know not what joys a - wait us there,
The Prince is ev - er in them, the day - light is se - rene,
and they who with the lead - er have con - quered in the fight,
even now by faith we see thee, even here thy walls dis - cern;



Text: Bernard of Cluny (12th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
Music: Alexander Ewing (1830-1895).

PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

ANTHEM

Blessed Are The Pure In Heart

H. Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God:
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.
Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his cradle and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

BLESSING

The peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

TODAY'S MINISTERS. Officiant: The Reverend Canon Dr. David Anderson, Rector. Crucifer: Brian Toogood. Reader: Kevin Coleman. Livestreamer: Randy Smye. Greeter: Peter Chambers. Choir Director: Sebastian Moreno, Director of Music. Organist: Dr. Andrei Streliaev, Associate Organist. Choral Lead: Corinne DeJong. Choral Scholar: Grace D'Mello. St Jude's Evensong Choir.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Choral Evensong

Experience the beauty and serenity of Choral Evensong, a cherished tradition of the Anglican Church. This contemplative service of Evening Prayer brings together Scripture, prayer, and glorious choral music in an atmosphere of beauty, reflection, and reverence.

Whether you are a longtime lover of choral music, seeking a moment of quiet in the midst of a busy week, or simply curious to experience this centuries-old tradition, all are warmly welcome. Come and let the music, prayer, and stillness of Evensong offer a peaceful close to the day.

Upcoming Services

Choral Evensong is offered throughout the year, generally on the third Sunday of each month. Each service features music specially chosen to complement the liturgical season and occasion.

October 18 — *Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist*

November 15 — *Eve of St. Margaret of Scotland*

January 17

February 21 — *Lenten Evensong*

March 18 — *Good Shepherd Sunday*

May 16

June 6

Newcomers' Lunch: Sun, Sept 27 @ 12pm

All newcomers are invited to a special Newcomers' Lunch on Sunday following the 10:30 AM service.

Enjoy a light luncheon, meet members of our clergy and parish leadership, and get a feel for life at St. Jude's. Whether you're just visiting or already part of a team, this is a space to meet clergy, connect, and get to know the community.

Men's Breakfast- Sat, Oct 3 @ 7:30am

The Men's Fellowship group invited you to join them in Victoria Hall for a buffet-style breakfast, cooked by our very own Pantry Program volunteers. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Pantry Program to help continue their good works.

Tickets are \$35, and can be purchased on our website or in the Church Office.

Blessing of the Animals - Sun, Oct 4 @ 2:00pm

Join us as we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi with a special Blessing of the Animals service. Bring your beloved pets for a short service of prayer, scripture, and individual blessings as we give thanks for all of God's creatures.

No registration necessary. All are welcome!

St Jude's Book Club - Tue, Oct 6 @ 12pm

Join us in the library to discuss- The Patron Saint of Second Chances by Christine Simon.

~A small-town Italian mayor makes an outrageous promise to save his struggling village – but keeping that promise means bringing together a cast of unforgettable characters, confronting old grudges, and taking a few unexpected risks. Filled with humour, heart, family drama, and second chances, this charming novel is a celebration of community and the wonderfully messy ways people can come together~

Nosferatu (1922): Silent Film Fundraiser – Fri, Oct 30 @ 7:00pm

A special screening of Nosferatu (1922), one of the most influential horror films ever made, will take place in Victoria Hall at St. Jude's Church. Experience the haunting story of Count Orlok accompanied live by acclaimed silent film pianist William O'Meara, who has accompanied more than 300 silent films across Europe, North America, China, and Japan.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will support St. Jude's Choral Scholarship Program.

Tickets: \$25 per person. Enjoy cinema-style concessions available for purchase throughout the evening. Tickets may be purchased through the Parish Office or online.

GATHERING HYMN

Abide With Me EVENTIDE

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1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3. I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see:
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O thou, who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.