



THE ORDER FOR SOLEMN EVENSONG  
IN CELEBRATION OF  
ST GEORGE'S CHURCH HALL AND ITS USERS

**EVENING PRAYER**  
**for the Second Sunday after Trinity**

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**Welcome to St George's!** This booklet contains all the material you will need for this Evensong. We hope you will find this service easy to follow, but please also do not be afraid to ask if you are unsure what to do at any point. The building is fitted with an Induction Loop - sit away from the pillars for best results!

A toilet is at the back of church behind the screen. After the service, there will be Pimms or soft drinks in the church garden. Please join us!

Before the service, please try to maintain an atmosphere of quiet prayer.

For the Office, the Choir will sing the preces and responses by Richard Ayleward (1626-69), and the setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B Minor by Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953).

When the bell rings, please stand for the procession of the ministers, as the choir sing as the Introit, "I Sat Down Under His Shadow" by Sir Edward Bairstow (1874-1946). This sets words from *The Song of Songs*, chapter 2, verse 3.

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste

He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love

Then the cantor sings,

*Cantor* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Choir* And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

*Cantor* O God, make speed to save us.

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

*Cantor* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

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

*Cantor* Praise ye the Lord.

*Choir* The Lord's name be praised.

Please sit as the Choir sing Psalm 72.

- 1 Give the King thy | judgements, ' O | God :  
and thy righteousness | unto ' the | King's\_ | son.
- 2\* Then shall he judge thy people ac- | cording | unto | right :  
and de- | fend the | poor.
- 3 The mountains also | shall bring | peace :  
and the little hills | righteous- ' ness | unto ' the | people.
- 4 He shall keep the simple folk | by their | right :  
defend the children of the poor, and | punish ' the | wrong-\_ | doer.
- 5 They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and | moon en- | dureth :  
from one gene- | ration | to a- | nother.
- 6 He shall come down like the rain into a | fleece of | wool :  
even as the | drops that | water ' the | earth.
- 7 In his time shall the | righteous | flourish :  
yea, and abundance of peace, so | long ' as the | moon en- | dureth.
- 8 His dominion shall be also from the one | sea ' to the | other :  
and from the flood | unto ' the | world's\_ | end.
- 9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall | kneel be- | fore him :  
his | enemies ' shall | lick the | dust.
- 10 The kings of Tharsis and of the | isles ' shall give | presents :  
the kings of Arabia and | Saba | shall bring | gifts.
- 11 All kings shall | fall down ' be- | fore him :  
all | nations ' shall | do him | service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the | poor ' when he | crieth :  
the needy also, and | him that | hath no | helper.
- 13 He shall be favourable to the | simple ' and | needy :  
and shall pre- | serve the | souls ' of the | poor.
- 14 He shall deliver their souls from | falsehood ' and | wrong :  
and dear shall their | blood be | in his | sight.
- 15 He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the | gold of ' A- | rabia :  
prayer shall be made ever unto him, and | daily ' shall | he be | praised.

16 There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high up- | on the | hills :  
his fruit shall shake like Libanus, and shall be green in the city like | grass  
up- | on the | earth.

17† His Name shall endure for ever;  
his Name shall remain under the sun a- | mong the ' pos- | terities:  
which shall be blest through him; and | all the | heathen ' shall | praise  
him.

18 Blessèd be the Lord God, even the | God of | Israel :  
which only | doeth | wondrous | things;

19 And blessèd be the Name of his | majesty ' for | ever :  
and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. | Amen, | A-\_\_ | men.

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 while the First Lesson is read (1 Kings 8; 22-30).*

The First Lesson is taken from the first book of the Kings, in the eighth chapter, beginning at the twenty-second verse.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands towards heaven, and said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart, who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. Now therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father.

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O Lord my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you have said, ‘My name shall be there’, that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers towards this place. And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray towards this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

Here endeth the Lesson.

*Please stand to sing the Office Hymn (REH 436):*

**Angel-voices ever singing  
Round thy throne of light,  
Angel-harps, for ever ringing,  
Rest not day nor night;  
Thousands only live to bless thee  
And confess thee  
Lord of might.**

**Thou who art beyond the farthest  
Mortal eye can scan,  
Can it be that thou regardest  
Songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that thou art near us,  
And wilt hear us?  
Yea, we can.**

**For we know that thou rejoicest  
O'er each work of thine;  
Thou didst ears and hands and voices  
For thy praise design;  
Craftsman's art and music's measure**

**For thy pleasure  
All combine.**

**In thy house, great God, we offer  
Of thine own to thee;  
And for thine acceptance proffer  
All unworthily,  
Hearts and minds and hands and voices  
In our choicest  
Psalmody.**

**Honour, glory, might and merit  
Thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Blessed Trinity.  
Of the best that thou hast given  
Earth and heaven  
Render thee.**

*Words Francis Pott (1832-1909).*

*Music Edwin George Monk (1819-1900)*

*Remain standing for the Magnificat, during which the altar is honoured with incense.*

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.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed 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 forever.  
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 (John 13; 21-end).*

The Second Lesson is taken from the Gospel according to St John, in the thirteenth chapter, beginning at the twenty-first verse.

After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table close to Jesus, so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the money bag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast", or that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterwards." Peter said to him,

“Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the cock will not crow till you have denied me three times.

Here endeth the Lesson.

*Please remain seated as the Choir sing the Nunc Dimittis*

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 stand to 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 Catholick Church; The  
Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of  
the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please kneel for the Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects*

*Cantor*     The Lord be with you.

*Choir*       And with thy spirit.

*Cantor*     Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Choir* Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Cantor* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Choir* 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.

*Cantor* O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

*Choir* And grant us thy salvation.

*Cantor* O Lord, save the King.

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

*Cantor* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Cantor* O Lord, save thy people.

*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.

*Cantor* Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

*Cantor* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*Choir* And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

*The Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity:*

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them who thou dost  
bring up in thy stedfast fear and love: Keep us, we beseech thee,  
under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a  
perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

*The Second Evening Collect:*

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.

*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 while the Choir sing the anthem, "Evening Hymn" by Henry Balfour Gardiner (1877-1950), which sets the version by Pope Urban VIII (1568-1644) of the hymn for Compline from the traditional Latin Breviary.*

Te lucis ante terminum  
Rerum Creator poscimus  
Ut pro tua clementia  
Sis præsul et custodia.

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

Præsta, Pater piissime  
Patrique compar Unice  
Cum Spiritu Paraclito  
Regnans per omne sæculum.

(Before the ending of the day  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That with thy wonted favour thou  
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

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

O Father, that we ask be done,  
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;  
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,  
Doth live and reign eternally.)

*Please remain seated for the notices, and the sermon by Fr Henry.*

*Please stand to sing the final hymn (REH 353) during which a collection will be taken (there is also a card reader at the back of church).*

**The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
The darkness falls at thy behest;  
To thee our morning hymns ascended,  
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.**

**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.**

**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.**

**The sun that bids us rest is waking  
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
And hour by hour fresh lips are making  
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.**

**So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,  
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;**

**Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.**

*Words by Canon John Ellerton (1826-93),  
Music by Clement Cotterill Scholefield (1839-1904).*

*Please kneel for the final prayers, which end with the blessing and final responses.*

*Priest*      May the Lord bless you, and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be merciful unto you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Cantor*      The Lord be with you.

*Choir*        And with thy spirit.

*Cantor*      Let us bless the Lord.

*Choir*        Thanks be to God.

*Please stand. The organist plays "Fugue in C" BWV 547b by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) as the ministers depart.*

*Do join us for Pimms or soft drinks in the garden after this service.*

*Thanks to our musicians and choir, under the direction of Nick Stein, who have made this service possible.*